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## IN MEMORIAM



### POLICE OFFICER II ROBERT JOE MATA #32571 HARBOR DIVISION—SPECIALIZED ENFORCEMENT UNIT

Officer Mata was born on October 10, 1973, in Los Angeles, California. He served in the United States Navy and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (first award), and the Southwest Asia Service Medal. Officer Mata was appointed to the Los Angeles Police Department on January 22, 1996. Officer Mata died on September 19, 2000, as a result of injuries sustained in a traffic collision which occurred as he was responding to assist a fellow officer.

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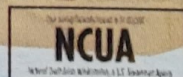
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### Managing Our Business

#### Constantly Returning to the Basics of Our League

As basketball season begins anew, one thing that the World Champion Los Angeles Lakers have in common with the local children's basketball league is the fundamentals of the game.

The players, both professional and youthful, always begin their training session or the game itself with basic drills, the fundamental moves of the sport. They practice passing the ball, tossing free throws, dribbling and lay-ups. Every player knows that they must master the fundamentals first and then keep returning to the fundamentals which are essential to success.

The same is true for how we manage the League. We keep returning to the basics, the fundamentals, the essence of why we are a League, our operational mission. We exist to obtain and enforce the best contract possible, to provide the best legal representation possible and to improve our professional standing.

But while we are trying to move forward to fulfill our mission, there are forces that are always trying to push rank-and-file officers down and to use us as scapegoats for their mistakes in judgment.

Stephen R. Covey has often said that unions are created by bad management as a protection against the unilateral

and arbitrary abuse of power and authority. A police union has tremendous power, both potential and real. In the right hands, that power can be used as a significant influence toward building and maintaining the professionalism for which we all strive.

We have had some major ACHIEVEMENTS in the past year. They were won by setting goals and then working on the goals to produce specific results. (1) Settled FLSA — you recently got another check in the mail; (2) Settled the MOU at a time when no other local union had a contract. (3) Helped pass Binding Arbitration which will be great leverage in future contract talks.

While we are moving forward, there are incoming problems that stagger the mind. These problems retard our ability to move forward more rapidly. The onerous 1.28 system is not only doing great damage to individual officers. It is destroying the Department and leading to increases in crime. We have more police, policing the police than we have police, policing the community. If the City doesn't trust us to do the job correctly, why did you hire us in the first place?

But the failures of the 1.28 system go far beyond that. Supervisors can't supervise because they are too busy investigating and documenting too many irrelevant and absurd 1.28's —

complaints that give new meaning to the word frivolous. Since supervisors are too busy chasing 1.28's that amount to little more than drivel, new officers, who deserve to be mentored by seasoned supervisors, have to make decisions alone without the guidance of a more experienced officer who has "been there and done that" and could help a less experienced officer avoid trouble.

The 1.28 system has done so much to damage the WILL (morale) of officers to do their job. No one wants to risk or to do anything except the minimum, because there are only two possible outcomes: nothing happens or they get in trouble for some minor violation. But they cannot win. It's a classic example of lose-lose.

Coppers realize that they can't win and that's why tickets, arrests and observation activities are way down and violent crimes are way up. The 1.28 system has been a dismal failure and it's time to put it on the scrap heap.

Another grand failure, is the failure to adopt Flexible Scheduling. It makes no sense not to have a flexible work schedule when it saved \$24,000,000 a year in 1996 dollars, it made the rank-and-file officers happy, it helped facilitate community policing, it helped reduce crime and it helped LAPD comply with air quality requirements. Flexible scheduling should be immediately restored.

Then there are so many "chicken" things that some empowered low level managers do to "get back" at the great successes of the League and our attorneys.

All that does is to cause rank-and-file officers to despise management even more and to paint all managers — albeit unfairly — as the evil ones.

Then there is the "grand-daddy" of all threats to the Department—the proposed

Consent Decree. We are all for reform and restoration of the pride in our great Department. We are not even necessarily against a consent decree. But the proposals that were worked out in secret, by high level bureaucrats in the back rooms of "City Hall" will drive the final nail into the coffin of LAPD.

Things look very, very bleak. Why would anyone stay in a job that pays a P-III salary to fight against such tremendous odds? I have dedicated the majority of my adult life to LAPD. I believe that these are some of the ways that we can move forward together. Here are some of the ways we are moving forward together.

MAJOR GOALS: Although we have been very effective and accomplished a great deal, there is so much more to do. Our focus is now on four major goals. We have established a Task Force to achieve each one of the goals.

- A. Reform the 1.28 Discipline System and improve legal representation
- B. Restore Flexible Scheduling
- C. Significantly improved pensions
- D. Focus POST Training on the areas where officers get into trouble

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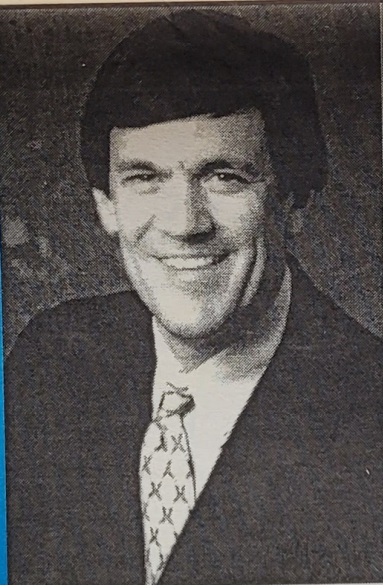
Words are cheap. Our League has a record of action and accomplishments. Sometimes you may feel that "stuff happens" and you wonder why the League let it happen. Just like you, who answer the call to crush crime, we answer the call to counter a management system that is the poster child for mismanagement.

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## Chief Bernard Parks Reconsiders Two Major Department Decisions

Known for his rigidity and lack of flexibility and compromise, Chief Parks has reversed himself on two major issues in recent weeks. The first item was the impending Federal Consent Decree which the majority of the City Council, Mayor, City Attorney and other insiders were recommending be approved and adopted, to avoid a Justice Department lawsuit against the Department for a variety of alleged violations against various minority groups. The Chief was adamantly opposed to any oversight by the feds of any other group of individuals. The second was the reinstatement of the senior lead program to the Department. The Chief was adamantly opposed to considering any modification to either of these major issues which both affect the Department and communities of Los Angeles. After some kind of unknown and powerful intervention, the Chief relented and went along with both programs. Why would he change his mind and go along with those prodding him to make changes? Could it be that crime is seriously up in the city along with murders, gang violence and that arrests and citations have plummeted and that the taxpayers are very unhappy in the city and the morale of the Department is at an all time low? In

fact the lowest I have seen during my entire career with the Department. The fact that the Chief reconsidered his decisions is a very positive sign. Good for many reasons. First and foremost it shows that the Chief is willing to admit



Photo by Dennis P. Zine  
Friends and colleagues congratulate newly promoted Sgt. II Rudy Lopez at a celebration party.

when he is wrong and wants to correct himself. Second is the fact that he may now reconsider his position on the Compressed Work Schedule and the out of control 1.28 complaint policy which tortures Department employees both sworn and civilian. If the Chief comes around and makes changes in these two areas, we might be able to once again improve the Department's morale and regain our strength as the premiere law enforcement agency in the world. Time will tell. In the meantime, keep your fingers crossed and pray that the Chief

sees the light for all of us. Is the light at the end of the tunnel good and refreshing light or a high speed train on collision course with the Department? Only time will tell for sure.

## Just How Did We Get Here?

While time passes and memories fade, we seem to forget just how the Department got into the current situation with the feds and others breathing down our necks and making an issue of the law enforcement tactics and procedures practiced by the LAPD. I recently attended a series of community dialogues sponsored by Councilman Mark Ridley Thomas. During the discussions, I received the following information which plots the series of events from the Rodney King arrest to today. It is very interesting to review.

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**April 1, 1991** - Mayor Bradley appoints Warren Christopher to head independent commission to investigate LAPD

**July 9, 1991** - Christopher Commission Report calls for structural reforms in the LAPD and the resignation of Police Chief Daryl Gates

**April 29, 1992** - A Simi Valley jury finds the four officers charged with the King arrest not guilty

**April 29-May 1, 1992** - Civil unrest, 42 people killed, 700 structures burned, 5,000 people arrested, \$1 billion in damages

**May 11, 1992** - Board of Police Commissioners appoints William Webster, former head of the FBI and CIA to head a commission to study the performance of the LAPD during the riot

**May 30, 1992** - Daryl Gates resigns

**June 4, 1992** - Voters pass City Charter Amendment F which allows the removal of the chief of police

**July 3, 1992** - Willie Williams is appointed police chief

**July, 1992** - Willie Williams begins implementation of Citizen Advisory Boards

**October 21, 1992** - Webster reports that failures of leadership in the LAPD and city government aggravated the rebellions and calls for reform

**April 17, 1993** - Two LAPD officers are found guilty in federal court of violating Rodney King's civil rights

**October 3, 1995** - O. J. Simpson is acquitted of the murders of his ex-wife and her friend. The trial and verdict expose a city racially divided on criminal justice issues.

**March 11, 1997** - Announcement made that Willie Williams will not be appointed to another 5-year term

**August, 1997** - Bernard Parks becomes chief of police

**September 15, 1998** - Chief Parks announces the arrest of Officer Rafael Perez on charges of possession of cocaine, grand theft and forgery after cocaine is stolen from an LAPD lockup room

**June, 1999** - Chief Parks reassigns the 168 senior lead officers ending the popular community-policing program

**September 15, 1999** - Announcement made that LAPD relieved eleven officers of duty from the Rampart Division

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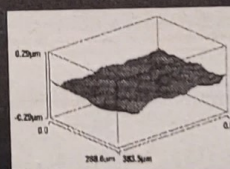
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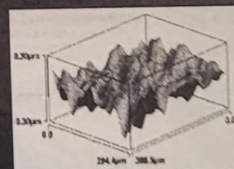
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On September 21, following a two-day trial, the LAPD Board of Rights tribunal granted a defense motion for directed verdict, finding both officers not guilty of the charges, once the Department Advocate rested his case against the two.

Officer Lujan was represented by defense lawyer Michael P. Stone. Defense lawyer Larry Hanna represented Officer Veloz. Departmental defense representatives, Officer David Winslow and David Vinton, also defended both officers.

The arrest occurred on June 5, 1996. Testimony at the Board of Rights showed that during the evening hours near Valley and Crandall in Rampart Division, Lujan and Veloz were on patrol in a fully-marked police car, when Vergara and a companion named Ricky Soclolo, in a 1985 Audi driven by Vergara, intentionally rammed the police car three times from behind.

Vergara testified that he had been using "speed" (methamphetamine) steadily for five (5) days before the

incident, and had not slept during that time. When he saw the officers' car, he had a "flashback" to incident years earlier in the Philippines, when he was abused by a police officer.

Vergara reached several times toward the backseat of the Audi, as he spun the tires of his car, trying to back away from the patrol car to escape. By this time, a number of arriving police cars blocked Vergara's path of escape. As the Audi came to a stop in front of the police blockade, Lujan pulled his car up to the Audi to block it in. Lujan quickly formed several arriving officers into a small tactical team, and made a plan to move in on Vergara, and pull him from the Audi.

With Lujan leading, the small team quickly advanced on Vergara's car, as Vergara repeatedly reached toward the backseat of the Audi. As Lujan moved up on the left side of the Audi, he noticed two handguns on the backseat, and yelled "gun!" as he simultaneously smashed the window with his baton. The other officers unlocked Vergara's door, and pulled him from the car.

Vergara resisted and fought violently. Vergara was arrested for assault upon Lujan and Veloz, and was ultimately convicted and sent to prison. He was treated at USC-County Hospital for cuts and abrasions, broken ribs and a dislocated left elbow. The injuries were determined to be contusive with the traffic accident he had been in and the subsequent violent arrest.

In 1999, Perez claimed to prosecutors and investigators that the arrest report was false. Perez said that no guns were visible inside the Audi, and that no one yelled, "gun!" Perez claimed he found the guns in a search of the Audi after Vergara was removed, and that he (Perez) had to cut them out of a storage bag located behind the backseat armrest, between the backseat and the

trunk. Perez claimed that Lujan's and Veloz' account of the events in the report was knowingly false.

However, in this case, no one agreed with Perez's version of the events, including Vergara. For example, Vergara admitted at one time that he had the loaded .45 pistol on the backseat and that he reached for it after he rammed the officers' car. Vergara did not claim that he was roughed up or abused by the officers. In fact, he told investigators "I am sorry for what I did to those officers," and that, "I was lucky I did not get shot."

In its findings of fact granting the motion for acquittal, the Board noted that there was "no credible evidence to refute anything contained in the arrest report." The Board received in evidence transcripts of Stone's cross-examination of Perez in a different Board of Rights hearing, in which Perez admitted that he had perjured himself in court testimony at least 100 times, written false reports over 100 times, made over 100 false arrests, "planted" false evidence about 75 times, and on about 30 occasions, stole money or property from suspects and family members or associates for his personal gain.

Again Rafael Perez was not a credible witness. I want to personally thank all of our panel attorneys who are representing officers out of the Perez incident. I believe attorney Michael Stone sums it up when he states, "I find it difficult to accept that Perez thus far has been able to benefit from his plea agreement, given the grossly inaccurate and potentially perjurious testimony he has uttered so far in a number of Boards of Rights hearings where he has accused other officers of criminal misconduct." "Basically," says Stone, "it stinks."

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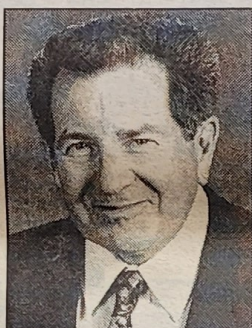
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### Class Action Lawsuit to Challenge Brady Letters

As many of you already know, our ever inventive Chief has come up with another new way to discipline LAPD officers without the mess and expense of due process hearings or the bother of actually having to produce evidence on the charges against the officers. This novel management tool, unique to the LAPD, has come to be known, within some circles, as the *Brady Letter*.

The United States Supreme Court, in *Brady v. Maryland*, mandated that prosecutors provide criminal defendants with all information, known to the prosecutor, which could prove material to the charges or affect the defendant's ability to receive a fair trial. Under rare circumstances, *Brady* could be read to require that the District Attorney turn over to a criminal defendant disciplinary items found in a testifying police officer's file. The Chief is using *Brady*, however, to justify disciplining officers in a manner which does not comport with due process or to the dictates of the Public Safety Officers' Procedural Bill of Rights Act.

The typical *Brady Letter* reads, broadly, as follows: The letter references a previous discipline received by the officer and generally states the grounds for the discipline. The letter then informs the officer that the officer

is being transferred, reassigned, downgraded, denies promotion or subjected to some other adverse action because the Chief now believes that the officer would not make a credible witness.

The Chief's late concern with *Brady*, however, leads to perplexion. The officers receiving the *Brady Letters* have testified numerous times without the issue even coming up. Either criminal defense attorneys are not seeking discovery of police officer personnel files anymore, or the courts simply do not share the Chief's alarmist views as to what *Brady* requires.

*Brady* was decided in 1963. Surely officers with similar items in their files as those of the officers now receiving the *Brady Letters* have testified many times in the 37 years since *Brady* was decided without incident. Even the top echelons of LAPD management probably do not possess backgrounds pure enough to survive the rigorous scrutiny that the Chief seems now to believe that *Brady* requires.

Regardless of whether the Chief's *Brady* concerns may be justified in any particular incidence, however, or could properly, in the abstract, form a proper factor for consideration by the Department agency in imposing police officer discipline in future arising charges, the *Brady Letters* violate Due Process and the Public Safety Officers'

Procedural Bill of Rights Act. The *Brady Letters* constitute punitive action entitling the officers to an administrative appeal and the Chief has steadfastly refused every request, out of many, for appeals from the *Brady Letters*.

At the League's request, the law firm of Silver, Hadden & Silver has recently completed a detailed factual and legal analysis concerning the *Brady Letters* currently being issued by the Chief of Police. Based on that analysis, League Directors have authorized a class action lawsuit challenging the validity of the letters and the punitive actions inflicted on the officers receiving the *Brady Letters*. Officers participating in the lawsuit, should the suit succeed, will be entitled to have their *Brady Letters* removed from their files and will be

reimbursed for any backpay or other damages resulting from the *Brady Letters*. The Complaint sets forth three causes of action including a cause of action seeking compensatory and punitive damages for violations of these officers' constitutional rights.

Officers who have received *Brady Letters*, and who wish to participate in this League-sponsored litigation, should contact Bob Baker at (213) 251-4554.

I would like to thank Silver, Hadden & Silver Law Firm for their hard work, with special thanks to Elizabeth Silver Tourgeman and our General Counsel Hank Hernandez.

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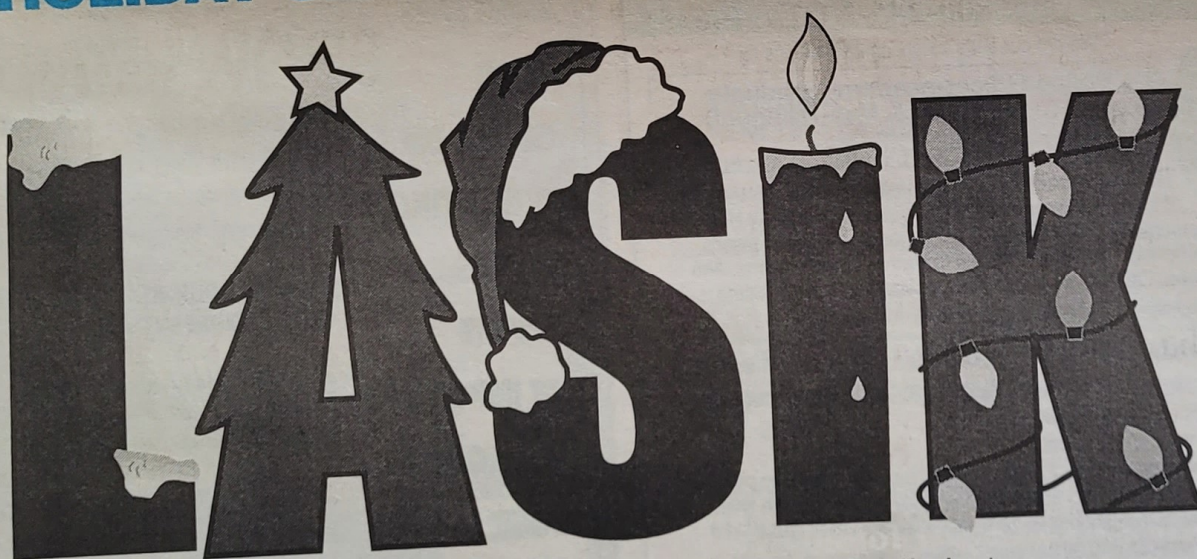
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## LIAR, LIAR, PANTS ON FIRE!

DON LINT

When Rafael Perez was a police officer he admittedly committed crimes and **LIED** or committed perjury, whichever you prefer and for that he was sent to jail. Now this confessed **LIAR** has allegedly told the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help him God. But wait, new allegations of a double homicide that he took part in have surfaced. If any of you reading this remember this guy telling anybody about this before he cut the deal of the century please let me know. Now we have our officers falsely accused by Rafael Perez who has said that he has told us the whole truth. Come on, how does somebody forget killing not one but two people? How does somebody forget selling cocaine with his or her best friend, David Mack? But what is truly troubling about this is that authorities are not sure about the witness's credibility. Those are the same authorities that were so quick to believe Perez.

Now let's examine where this information came from and when the Department knew about it. Perez had a girlfriend that described in detail the location that the double homicide allegedly occurred and told about the vehicle used to transport the bodies and even where they are suppose to be buried. She also described a drug deal that Perez and Mack were involved in years before he arrived at Rampart and

decimated one of the hardest working divisions in the City. We have recently found out that the Department knew about this since January of this year. They have continued to go forward with the persecution and prosecution of our officers. The excuse for not taking care of this sooner was that they had misplaced the document.

The truth is that the League hired some of the best attorneys in the country and they have discovered all kinds of problems with the "Perez Scandal." Another twist to this story comes from a former cellmate of Perez's. This guy claimed that Perez said he would **LIE** about anyone that crossed him, even if they didn't do anything. Apparently nobody took that guy too serious. The Department is still putting innocent officers through a test of fire at Boards of Rights. The vast majority of them have prevailed because Perez has not been credible, translated that means he **LIED**.

How much more do our officers have to endure before management stops destroying the families and lives of our officers? Several officers accused in the "Perez Scandal" have lost their families and most are in financial ruin as a result of management's rush to judgment. Brian Liddy was told that he could no longer coach his son's T-ball team because of his involvement with the

"Perez Scandal." When is enough enough? Detective Russ Poole apparently told the Chief and other high ranking command staff officers about Perez a long time before it became the huge mess that it is today. He was told to not investigate it and not to talk about it any more. Why doesn't he have credibility? Why aren't the people involved in that meeting being investigated for obstruction of justice? How come the only person with any credibility is the only person that is a convicted **LIAR**?

The answers really aren't that difficult, it involves big, and I mean really big, egos. The management of our Department saw this as an opportunity to clean up this corrupt Department and they would be heroes, kind of like Chief Bill Parker. The District Attorney saw this as an opportunity to be re-elected. Neither side took the time to see or even cared what the fallout would be and I have been saying for months that you can't continue to destroy officers lives based on the word of the **LIAR** known as Rafael Perez. Now we have the feds all over us and it was because of this botched investigation. How could so many highly educated people, from the Mayor to the District Attorney to our management, have made so many mistakes? It makes you wonder, "who's running the insane asylum." Why was Rafael Perez allowed to dismantle a

great police department like ours? Remember the saying "Liar, liar, pants on fire..." Well Rafael your pants are on fire.

If you remember in the plea agreement that Perez signed he said that he was going to be fully cooperative and tell all of his crimes. It appears that he left a couple out. Do you think it was a mistake? I think he has violated his plea agreement and it should be revoked. I know that some of our panel attorneys have already asked the District Attorney to revoke the plea agreement and he has refused. The District Attorney knows that his case has unraveled before his very eyes and he can't now admit that Perez has "No Credibility" or that he is still telling **LIES**. He would surely lose his bid for re-election. Wake up Mr. Garcetti, it's over. Can our management step back and look at Rafael Perez for what he is, a **LIAR**. No. If that was to happen then all of their investigations and aspirations of proving themselves to be heroes would go right down the toilet and remember we are dealing with really big egos. What's the point of all of this? Don't trust anyone who is a **LIAR**. You can never trust that what they are telling you is the truth.

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"The United States alleges that the Los Angeles, California Police Department ("LAPD") is violating 42 USC 14141 by engaging in a pattern or practice of unconstitutional or otherwise unlawful conduct that has been made possible by the failure of the City of Los Angeles to adopt and implement proper management and procedures." That is from the same hypocritical United States Department of Justice that gave you Waco, Ruby Ridge, the stormtrooper seizure of Elian Gonzales, and the Asian stereotyping imprisonment of Wen Ho Lee.

Isn't it interesting that the Chief has accepted this without a fight or demand that the federal government prove its case? What is sad is that the federal consent decree asserts the failure of management (also admitted to in the Department's own Board of Inquiry Report) was the reason for the "patterns and practices complaint." Yet, the Chief of Police has yet to terminate a single command officer for mismanagement. The Chief sure doesn't mind the disciplinary slaughter of hundreds of low-ranking police officers. The double standard of Chief Bernard Parks contin-

ues. An inept LAPD management that was so bad that it required federal intervention, yet no management personnel are held accountable.

If you have not read or obtained a copy of the consent decree, you need to get one and thoroughly understand what it means to your career. I will go over a few items now and further discuss them in future writings.

Proposal 21: Non-disciplinary action includes a change of an officer's partner; or a reassignment or transfer.

Proposal 40: TEAMS II among other things, will contain all arrest reports, crime reports, and citations made by officers, and all warrantless searches, traffic stops, and pedestrian stops...information from performance evaluations of each officer...etc.

Proposal 42: TEAMS II shall have the capability to search and retrieve numerical counts, percentages, and other statistical analyses derived from numerical information in the database.

Proposal 46: All relevant TEAMS II data shall be taken into account for pay-grade advancement, promotion, and assignments.

Proposal 55: LAPD shall also conduct a separate criminal investigation of categorical uses of force.

Proposal 66: The City shall develop and require an LAPD officer to complete a written report each time the officer performs a search of person or

property without a warrant. The report shall contain a full description of the probable cause, name, race, gender, what was seized, with a description of all items. The report shall be signed by the officer and the immediate supervisor.

Proposal 69: Supervisors will be responsible for reviewing the report for "canned" language, inconsistent information, or lack of articulation.

Proposal 73: "The Department shall prohibit officers from requiring a complainant to sign any form that states that adverse legal consequences may arise from filing a false or misleading complaint.

Proposal 92: IAG shall investigate all incidents in which the Department has received written notification from a prosecuting agency in a criminal case that there has been an order suppressing evidence because of any constitutional violation.

Proposal 95: "By July 1, 2001, the City shall develop and initiate a plan for organizing and executing regular, targeted, and random integrity audit checks or sting operations to identify and investigate officers engaging in at-risk behavior, including without limitation, unlawful stops, searches, seizures (including false arrests), or uses of excessive force. These operations shall also seek to identify officers who discourage or fail to report misconduct.

Proposal 109: The information to be collected on each traffic stop shall include the officer's name and badge number, the date, time, and duration, and location of the stop (including the LAPD Area); the state in which the vehicle is registered; the driver's gender, race/ethnicity, and date of birth; whether the driver is a resident of Los Angeles; whether the stop was based on a traffic violation (and whether it was a moving or non-moving violation, and

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Proposal 110: The City shall require officers to complete a written or electronic log whenever an officer stops a pedestrian.

Proposal 111: The same data is required that is in Proposal 109.

There is more, but enough for now. Try to look at what you, as a police officer, are exposed to: If you work 77th, Southeast, Southwest, Hollenbeck, and many other divisions, when a captain does a TEAMS check on you, will the TEAMS II report reflect that you are only stopping people based on the demographic statistics of Los Angeles City? More than likely, you will be identified as an officer who only stops citizens of protected ethnic classes as described in Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Do you think that civil rights attorneys will use TEAMS II statistics against you to prove you only stop minorities?

If you think it won't happen to you, you'd better think again. In the consent decree filed against Montgomery County, Maryland, by the same Bill Lan Lee, the statistics showed the demographics of Montgomery County to have 17 percent African Americans.

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I was then authorized to take this program to the Los Angeles Police Relief Association. Thanks to the hard work of Los Angeles Police Relief Association, Board of Directors, with Charlie Beck leading the charge with help from their insurance broker Gary Barnhart, we succeeded in adding Healthview to the list of benefits Los Angeles Police Department families enjoy.

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Healthview staff is preparing an annual overview report (no names will be included), which we'll give you in a future Blue Line article.

I know that in the group of two thousand, there were at least two, probably three previously undetected cancer conditions discovered, several serious heart blockage conditions and many other serious medical maladies came to light. In fact, it was rare to find a Los Angeles Police Department cop with an undamaged back.

For those of you who don't want to know that you have a serious medical condition, but would rather try to ignore or deny it away, there is good news for you.

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However, there have been a couple of very close calls where early discovery did in fact prevent early death.

From the bottom of my heart, I encourage each of you to make a commitment to yourselves and to your families to call Healthview @ 1-888-724-8439 to schedule an appointment. Do tell them you are a Los Angeles Police Department officer when you call, as special arrangements have been made for you.

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I am also pleased to report to you that another of my pet projects, the Managed Health Network Corporation's "Chemical Dependency Program" has gotten off to a great start this year. On July 1, 2000, a Chemical Dependency Treatment Program that I've worked on for almost five years became a reality.

During my years as a Defense Rep, I was acutely aware of how many discipline cases have serious alcohol and drug problems at their root. I saw the terrible effects of alcoholism and drug dependency on the lives of many officers, their spouses and children.

Unfortunately, there wasn't a simple, easily understood or reasonably priced treatment program available to all members of the Department and their immediate families. As a result, I believe that some people who badly needed help with alcoholism and/or other drug addictions didn't get the

help. Much needless suffering took place instead of healing.

Those who went to Behavioral Science Services Division were served well by them to the extent of their resources. Unfortunately, each case was a scramble for funding. In truth, Bud Nowell and Kieth Moreland, our Chemical Dependency counselors, have routinely pulled off near-miracles on behalf of members needing treatment; so has the Police Memorial Foundation, many, many times.

That was the core problem to me - you shouldn't have to beg, borrow money or be connected to someone who knows someone or have the right insurance company to get help when you most need it.

For that reason, I asked the Protective League Board of Directors to let me try to bring us a state of the art, first class Chemical Dependency Program. I will always be grateful to those Board members who were so supportive of the effort over the five years of dead ends, false starts and yes finally, success.

The program is completely free to the immediate families (as defined in the Manual and MOU) of sworn Los Angeles Police Department members, including commanding officers and Lieutenants and below. Treatment modality can include outpatient, inpatient or a combination thereof. Each patient is assigned to an M.H.N. case manager who assists in securing the proper treatment.

Since July 1st of this year, about a half dozen members or immediate family members of same were admitted to Southern California Treatment Facilities including the Betty Ford Center, Michael's House and Glendale Memorial Hospital Programs (to name a few). There are other facilities around the country.

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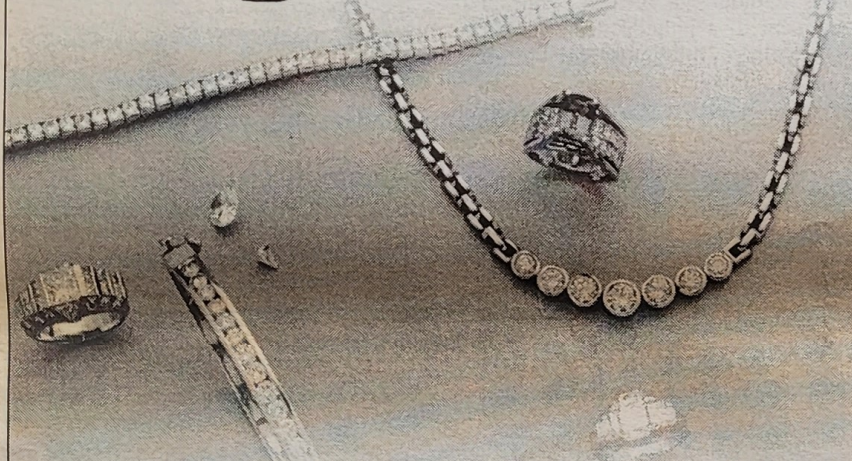
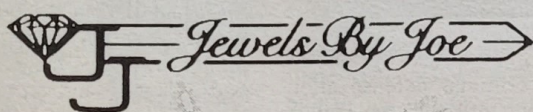
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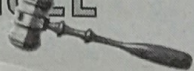
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## A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law



### Legal Update (Consent Decree, Brady Letters, Personnel File)

On October 10th, the League authorized its panel attorney Greg Petersen to file and pursue a civil action in Superior Court, which seeks a writ of mandate and an injunction against the City of Los Angeles ("City") and police management from entering into a consent decree with the federal Department of Justice ("DOJ") without properly meeting and conferring with the League over the proposed provisions of the consent decree.

In *Los Angeles Police Protective League vs. City of Los Angeles, et al.*, L.A.S.C. No. BS 065767, the League alleged, among other things not too pleasant to police management, that the secret negotiations between the city and DOJ, to the total exclusion of the League, appear reminiscent of the supposed Christopher Commission reforms and fail to address the real world problems of providing practical police services to city residents. These city negotiators are substituting rhetoric and restrictive working conditions on League's members. They have no current personal experience in regard to or alternatively have political agendas inconsistent with the best interests of the residents of the city. This is particularly true since the federal civil rights statute at issue with DOJ is directed to

systemic mismanagement problems by LAPD management.

The League's lawsuit also alleged that the city's and police representatives who conducted the "secret meetings" with DOJ have self serving agendas and that they are attempting to shift the focus from its mismanagement of the police department to rank and file officers, by promoting meaningless changes to officers' working conditions. In our view, these changes will not increase the public safety of the residents of the city, but instead will decrease the level of police service and will further exacerbate the exodus of LAPD officers, some 900 of whom have left so far this year and some 2,000 of whom are expected to leave by the end of July, 2001.

Also on October 10th, the League authorized its panel attorney Elizabeth Silver to file and pursue a class action lawsuit in federal court seeking damages and injunctive relief from the city and police management to challenge the Chief of Police's interpretation of the *United States Supreme Court* decision in *Brady vs. Maryland* (1963) 373 U.S. 83.

In *Los Angeles Police Protective League vs. Bernard Parks, et al.* U.S.C.D. No. 0010811AHM (Mcx), the League alleges that Chief Parks has unlawfully interpreted the *Brady* decision to permit LAPD management to take additional punitive action against

officers who have been the subject of previous or pending disciplinary action. This punitive action takes the form of a letter known as a "Brady Letter," which is sent to officers and placed in his or her personnel file. This letter informs the concerned officer that, because of the previous or pending disciplinary action, he or she will be immediately reassigned to "non-field related" administrative duties. These punitive reassignments generally result in a reduction in pay, professional embarrassment, and loss of career advancement opportunities for the affected officers.

In our view, not only is this policy unlawful on its face, it is applied in an unconstitutional manner. LAPD management has scoured the personnel files of rank-and-file officers for any disciplinary actions, which they believe warrant a "Brady Letter," no matter how remote. In fact, many of the 60 officers who have received "Brady Letters" to date, have received these letters years after the disciplinary matter has been adjudicated. In addition, we believe that Chief Parks has intentionally limited the scrutiny of personnel files to those of rank-and-file officers only, thereby insulating Captains and above from the same career shattering consequences of receiving "Brady Letters" and their punitive assignments. Also adding insult to injury, LAPD management, under the express direction of Chief Parks, has taken the liberty of disseminating these "Brady Letters" to district attorneys and criminal defense attorneys without the officers' consent or pursuant to a judicial decree ordering production of this confidential information in violation of state and federal constitutional and statutory provisions.

On October 6, the League authorized panel attorney Diane Marchant to apply for leave to file an amicus brief with the Court of Appeal in support of the City Attorney, who is opposing the improper

disclosure of 82 LAPD personnel files to the District Attorney.

In *City of Los Angeles vs. Superior Court*, 2nd Civil No. B144825, the 82 current and former officers whose personnel files were subpoenaed were originally listed as potential witnesses by the prosecution and the defense in *People vs. Ortiz*, the Rafael Perez' scandal prosecution. On September 25, Deputy District Attorney Anne Ingalls addressed a letter to Captain Lee Carter, at Risk Management Division, requesting that he make the personnel files of the 82 potential witnesses available for review and copying, pursuant to Penal Code Section 832.7. The very next day, Ms. Ingalls signed a Grand Jury subpoena for the same files, again citing Penal Code Section 832.7. The files were to be produced at the Grand Jury on October 5. In her supporting declaration, Ms. Ingalls stated that it was essential that she review the files in order to successfully prosecute *People vs. Ortiz*. Ms. Ingalls told Captain Carter that she needed the files for "Brady reasons" and for impeachment. Then on September 27, Ms. Ingalls told Deputy City Attorney Donna Edmiston that the files were being sought for "Brady purposes" and as part of the entire Grand Jury investigation.

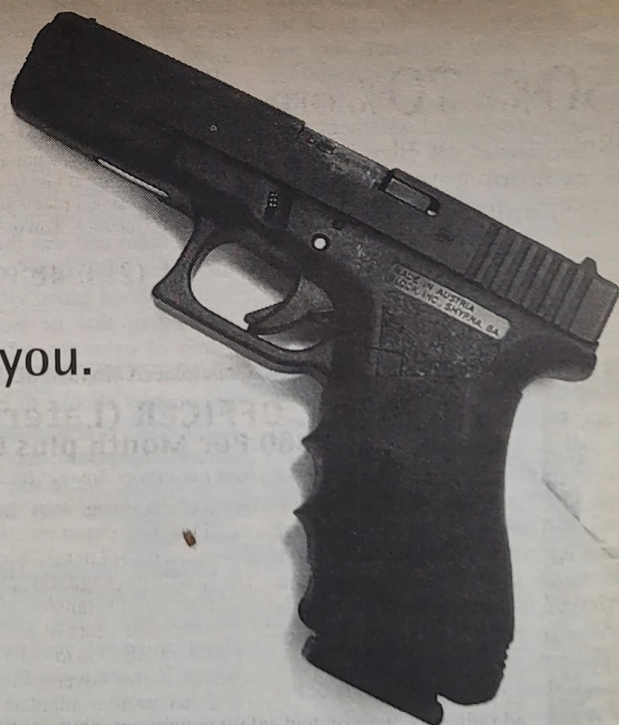
City Attorney Edmiston filed a motion to quash the Grand Jury subpoena with Judge Larry Fidler in Department 100. She very correctly pointed out that the District Attorney had officially and on-the-record taken the position that a District Attorney has no duty to review witness officers' personnel files for possible *Brady* material. She also noted that the District Attorney had never before sought to review police officer personnel files for possible *Brady* material. She argued that any *Brady* material in a peace officer's personnel file could be sought by

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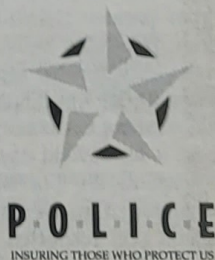
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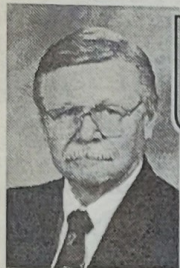
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# WARNING BELLS

by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law

"Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee"

—John Donne

## The Ins and Outs of Miranda, No Miranda, and Compelled Statements

Confusion seems to abound out there among those who whip out their officer field notebooks and read Miranda warnings every day when the tables are turned and suddenly they are answering the questions. What are the rules and what are the potential consequences of voluntary versus compelled statements?

First of all, you are all over twenty-one and the ultimate decision to submit to questioning, or to insist on being compelled, is yours. Not your defense representative's, nor your attorney's, but yours. Like any important decision, however, it should be made from a position of knowledge, not ignorance. This article can only highlight some of the issues because it is a subject that has filled books, but recognizing the issue is the first step in seeking the knowledge necessary to confront the issue.

Second, it is *not* the League's intention to shield officers that plant evidence, steal money, and commit murder. Those officers need to resign and start figuring out how they are going to pay their attorney fees. We all have a duty to uncover and prosecute those engaged in this kind of conduct.

Third, it is the League's intention to do as much as we can to safeguard our members that are caught up in the hysteria surrounding the Perez scandal.

## Miranda Rules

Put as simply as possible, Miranda is required when there is a custodial interrogation. If there is no custody, or no questioning, then Miranda is not required and any statements made are admissible for all purposes. On the other hand, a compelled statement cannot be used against you criminally and, as an additional bonus, keeps your statements out of state civil proceedings (read lawsuits against you) in most circumstances. Here are some fictitious situations that illustrate some of the issues that may arise.

**Situation Number One:** You love being a cop, but you are fed up with LAPD. You (and several hundred other officers) are looking for another department that will appreciate your efforts and allow you to do your job. You have passed the background and physical and all that stands between you and exchanging your LAPD badge for their jurisdiction's shield is the polygraph test. You are there now. The operator is interviewing you in the sound room with the polygraph machine. He tells you that if there is anything that is bothering you, he needs to hear it now so that it will not interfere with the testing. There is one thing that bothers you. When you were on probation, your senior partner became enraged with a suspect who you knew had dumped dope on you. Your partner claimed that he saw the drop. You didn't believe it. The suspect was guilty, but the report your partner wrote (with your name on it next to his) was not accurate. You had stewed about it for several days, trying to decide what to do, but when you sought the advice of an old retired cop whose opinion you respected, he told you that you had already blew it. Because of the Department's rules on immediately reporting misconduct, you

would be fired too because of the delay. Reluctantly, you kept silent and found any excuse to not work with this officer again. You resolved that you would never do anything like that and you never did.

You hadn't thought of this incident for years, but with the polygraph now looming before you, suddenly you can't think of anything else. You want this job badly. You tell the story in detail to the polygraph operator. You pass the poly.

**Legal possibilities:** Although, in this situation, there is certainly an interrogation, there is no custody. No one has compelled you to take this polygraph. Miranda does not apply. The fact that you passed the polygraph will turn out to be somewhat ironic. You will not be hired. Furthermore, you will be fired from LAPD and very likely prosecuted criminally. Your statement can be used for all purposes. It will not take much investigation to pull your logs, identify the suspect who was booked and prosecuted on a false police report and gather the elements of the crime to which your statement can be used. Even though your partner committed the crime, you can be prosecuted as at least an accessory and part of a criminal conspiracy.

**Situation Number Two:** The Rampart Task Force wants to talk to you. The detective tells you that you are only a witness. You did not do anything wrong so you have no objection to talking to the detective. He interviews you about an incident that happened three years ago where you responded to a radio call. You vaguely remember it as a backup call that you responded to. Everything was over by the time you arrived. You saw nothing improper. You do not insist on being ordered to cooperate.

**Legal possibilities:** Again, the statement is not compelled so it can be used for all purposes. This would not be a big deal unless placing you at the scene of the radio call was the operative factor in the case. How could this work? Well, if the so called victim in this case is alleging that he was beaten by a group of unknown officers, you have just placed yourself at the scene. If the prosecutors choose to believe the victim, the fact that you stated that nothing unusual happened may be ignored as self serving, while the admission that you were there may be used against you.

**Situation Number Three:** A Federal Task Force agent knocks on your door. He just has a few questions for you about an arrest you were involved in where it is believed that Rafael Perez and his partner planted evidence. You were only involved in the transportation of the suspects and, as far as you knew, there was nothing unusual about the arrest. You have nothing to hide. You give a statement to the federal agent.

**Legal possibilities:** This is essentially the same situation as Situation Number Two, with an added danger. According to Title 18 United States Code, Section 1001, it is a crime to make a false material statement to a federal agent. That means, if the US Prosecutor decides that he or she believes the arrestee's story, then that could mean that the prosecutor believes you are not telling the truth. The prosecutor has the option to charge you with a federal offense. To

make matters worse, federal agents will not tape record statements. This leaves the agent's interpretation of what you said as the definitive evidence against you. Some defense attorneys even believe that the prosecutors will send federal agents out to get an interview with the specific purpose of finding some statement that can be interpreted as false and then use it as a lever to gain further concessions through the threat of filing federal charges. (See Solomon Wisenberg's article at <http://sol.find-law.com/articles/fbi.html>)

## Atmosphere is Everything

In normal times, the decision of whether or not to provide a voluntary statement was not of paramount concern for the witness officer. However, we have left normal times. They may or may not ever return. LAPD management has terribly mismanaged the Perez scandal. The District Attorney has made the kind of mistake that would be an embarrassment to any narcotics officer, they traded *down*! The federal government is on the verge of taking over LAPD and Department management can only respond by bragging about how many officers they have fired or forced to retire, thereby appearing to be doing something.

The really troubling thing is that truth seems to be taking a back seat to recap. In other words, if the *Los Angeles Times* is correct, the Department is deliberately hiding evidence from the defense representatives and attorneys defending our officers and even withholding evidence from the District Attorney.

An illustration of what our defense reps and attorneys are up against at Boards of Rights can be discerned from this quote from a Rampart officer's Board. The Board called one of the supervisors from the Rampart Task Force to testify as to the credibility of Rafael Perez. The supervisor had been assigned to the Perez case for two years. The supervisor testified:

*"Given an overall general perspective, I find that about 70 to 80 percent of the items that — incidents that he's told us, we've been able to corroborate in some fashion."*

The Chairman of the Board asked the supervisor about the other twenty to thirty percent. The supervisor responded as follows.

*"The others we — they're still in the process of being investigated. Some are just information that is wrong. And it's — my opinion is that he has not deliberately told us any lies; it's just the incident was wrong."*

The Chairman pressed further. He asked if any of the supervisor's subordinates reported to him that they felt that Perez has been deliberately lying to them. The answer was this.

*"No. As a matter of fact, before coming here to the Board, once I was notified by Sergeant [Advocate] that I was going to testify, I called around to — I did some checking with my investigators, both at the criminal and administrative section, and also with the task force being supervised by Lieutenant [name withheld] to determine whether or not they've come across any information where Rafael Perez has deliberately lied to them. And the answer was no."*

The Board stated that the issue of credibility of Rafael Perez was extremely important in this case and they found the officer guilty and recommended termination. In their rationale, the Board said this.

*"The Board recognized that ex-Officer Perez is a convicted felon and,*

*quite simply, a despicable human being. These facts, however, don't necessarily mean that he is devoid of any credibility. The Board heard testimony from Lieutenant [witness] that in all of his dealings with ex-Officer Perez, that he never believed that Perez deliberately lied to him or his subordinates during the 26 formal and 10 informal debriefings that Lieutenant [witness] and his subordinates conducted with Perez. On the contrary, Lieutenant [witness] testified that 70 to 80 percent of Perez' accounts were corroborated. This testimony was weighed heavily by the Board in determining Perez' credibility."* (Emphasis added)

The defense objected strenuously, and after a City Attorney opinion, the Board decided to strike the supervisor's testimony, and found the officer guilty anyway. (Sure. Like you can un-ring a warning bell) They then re-wrote the guilty finding rationale leaving the reference to the supervisor's testimony out.

This testimony was given on June 19, 2000. This month (October), according to the *Los Angeles Times*, the following revelations occurred.

1. Perez' girlfriend said she witnessed narcotics deals involving Perez as early as 1991. Perez has testified that he only became corrupt in 1995 as a result of his working with Durden.

2. Perez' girlfriend said she witnessed Perez commit murders and dump the bodies.

3. A jail house informant said that Perez was bragging about lying about police officers and getting them in trouble in his jail cell. The informant offered to wear a wire for the LAPD detectives. They never followed up on it.

4. Detective Russ Poole stated that he advised the Chief and high ranking officers of Perez' connection with criminal activity a year before Perez made his "deal of the century" with the District Attorney.

The point of all this is that, according to the *Times*, this was all known to the Department for months. This would mean that the Department knew all of this prior to the testimony at this terminated officer's Board of Rights. Yet, management is so desperate for guilty convictions that this information was withheld from the defense and, therefore, from the Board members trying to determine the officer's guilt. Or, to put it another way, the atmosphere in LAPD is polluted. If you think you are on a level playing field with everyone following the rules and playing fair, you are wrong. It is not in management's best interest to acknowledge that Perez is a liar. (It's OK, however, to acknowledge that he *used* to be a liar) I only hope that there isn't a P-2 working on the Perez case that can be blamed for all of this.

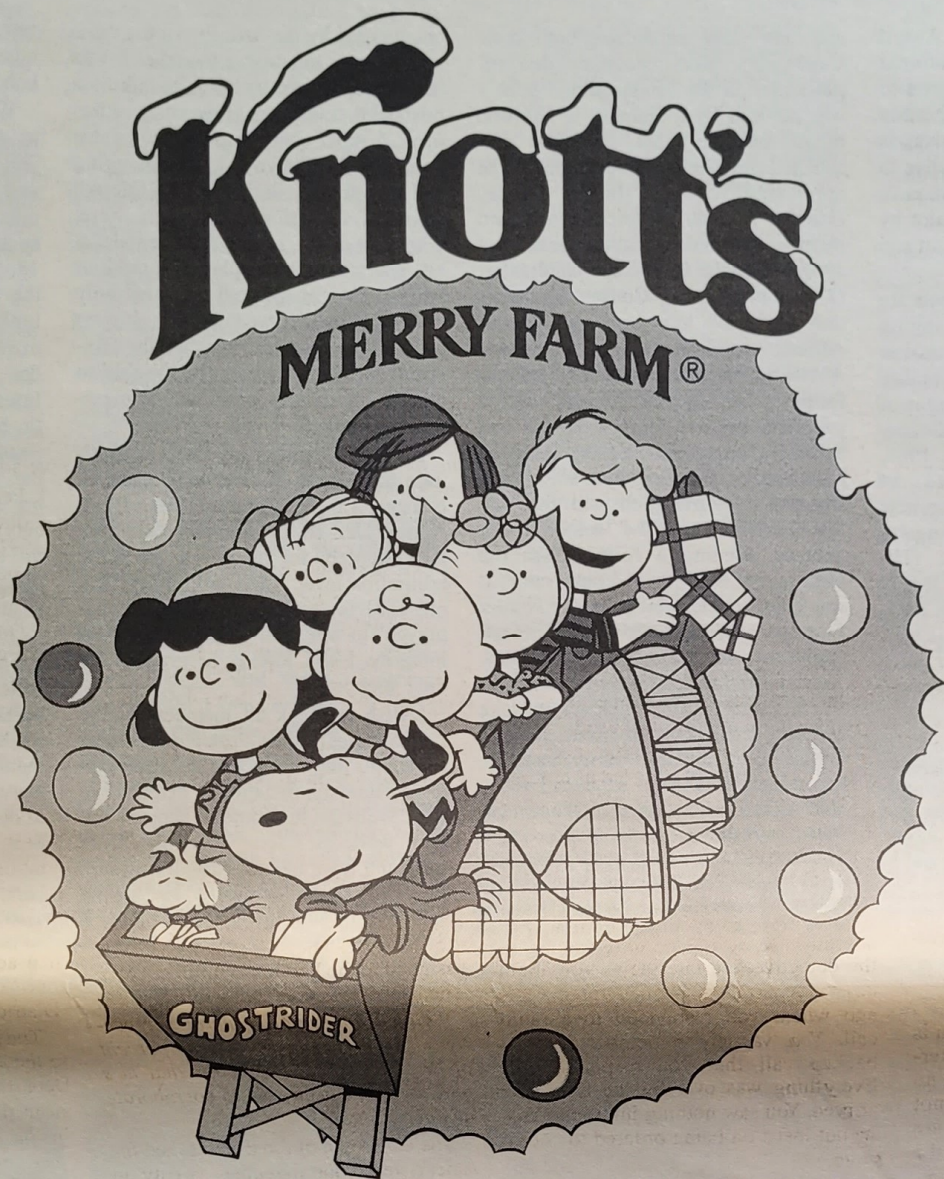
The atmosphere we are currently operating in should be a consideration when you make the decision to give anyone a voluntary statement about anything concerning Rampart. Remember, you are not withholding information from anyone. As soon as you are compelled to give a statement, you will give them all of the information they require. The only difference between a compelled statement and a voluntary statement is that the voluntary statement can be used against you in a criminal proceeding and most civil proceedings. If that bothers the investigator, you have to wonder why. Obviously, he or she is looking for something beyond mere information.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The incredible Top Cop Award recently bestowed by the National Association of Police Organizations to Sgt. Joan Leuck, Officer Cynthia French, and Officer Romik Keshishi, is an event I didn't believe I would live to witness. I am grateful all three are alive and able to be recognized for valor by the Los Angeles Police Department and the National Police Association.

The fact that two of the recipients are qualified women officers bringing honor to the city of Los Angeles makes me proud and grateful for their ability to fearlessly serve with no thought of gender as a deterrent. I feel proud of my trust of their abilities. January 6, 1986, I received a Certificate of Commendation that now takes no new meaning for me from the Los Angeles City Council for, "FAITH IN THE POSITIVE INFLUENCE WOMEN CAN AND DO HAVE ON A METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT." Sgt. Leuck and Officer Cynthia French and Officer Keshishi faced the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in dealing with a deranged gunman threatening and terrifying an inside residential complex. I give grateful thanks that anti attitudes against women of my days on the department no longer exist. The job of policing Los Angeles is in capable hands.

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## Open letter to the members of the Los Angeles Police Protective League.

In August of 1996 I participated in a promotion process to select a Detective III for Harbor Area Detectives. Myself

and one other candidate, both male Caucasians, were recommended for placement in the "outstanding" pool. I was advised by a member of the oral board that the other candidate was selected and given preference due to the application of the Hunter La-Ley Consent Decree. I advised that board member that the consent decree did not apply to male Caucasian candidates. (The Hunter La-Ley Consent Decree is only applicable to sworn employees of African American, Hispanic, or Asian American descent, or women, applying for pay grade advancement and coveted positions at the rank of Lt. II and below.) I requested that the issue be reviewed by the Employee's Relation Board for clarification and that the announcement of the selection be delayed pending a ruling from the Employee's Relation Administrator. It was quickly determined that the Hunter La-Ley Consent Decree did not, in fact, apply to male Caucasian candidates. The decision makers refused to accept the fact that they had made a mistake and stated the decision would stand. I filed an immediate grievance based on the misapplication of Hunter La-Ley and on the basis that the Department failed to follow their rules and regulations to select the most qualified candidate. I was denied my grievance at all internal departmental levels (Division level, the Chief's level, and at the Police Commission level); however, on July 17, 2000, after several exhaustive years, an independent arbitrator sustained my grievance. The arbitrator ruled that the promotional decision was not in accordance with the requirements of the department's rules and regulations and, in hindsight, the decision was also

encouraged by the inability of the decision makers to admit a mistake. It was the Department's inability to admit a mistake that led to my premature retirement. I experienced a grievance of this nature to be drawn out, discouraging and emotionally draining. The internal levels of the grievance process were, without a doubt, biased. The denials, at all levels, clearly displayed a cavalier attitude by management designed only to support their flawed decision. It wasn't until the grievance reached the arbitration level that I was finally able to present my case by producing witnesses on my behalf.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to Comm. A. Kerstein, Capt. J. Nelson, Lt. K. Kimble, Det. III J. Nunez, Det. III D. Simmons, and Det. III T. Appleby for supporting me at the arbitration level. Their willingness and presence to testify on my behalf displayed to me the highest level of integrity. I will forever be grateful for their support.

I wish to thank all members of the Los Angeles Police Protective League for supporting this grievance at all levels. Special appreciation is extended to Rick Wells for his constant support and hard work to resolve this matter not only in a favorable decision for myself, but all League members. He always believed in and supported my goal of total vindication. Lastly, I want to express my profound gratitude to Gary Ingemunson for all the hours and dedication to this case. This grievance had the appearance of a no-win situation, and they never gave up on it or me.

William C. Ellis, #16581  
Det. III Retired

## Can you believe this?

Hello.  
Well, it appears that the LAPD has become a pioneer among law enforcement agencies once again. A federal judge approved the use of RICO statutes against the LAPD which will consider the agency a "criminal enterprise" for purposes of lawsuits. So much for the LAPD's recruitment efforts, and so much for its retention efforts. After all, who in their right mind after years of overlooked, trivialized, and dedicated service to the citizens of L.A. would remain in service with a "criminal organization"?

Police agencies need to seriously reflect on the risk they are taking with special gang units. For every murdering and robbing gangster that gang units arrest, there is a busload of civil rights lawyers looking up the orifice of the arresting officer. That's what happens when police do a good job and crime goes down by double digits. I am by no means saying that ILLEGAL practices by ANY officer justify the ends. Aggressive policing done within the law is the only acceptable way of doing business, and any officer committing crimes needs to go to prison.

Here in L.A., since the demise of all CRASH units (even though only a few officers in Rampart CRASH were hoodlums, homicides in L.A. are up 23%. The LAPD's staff is holding all kinds of little summit meetings with the community to explain what caused the increase. Almost all of the homicides are gang-related, and NO ONE at the

top levels of the LAPD will acknowledge that the knee-jerk reaction to disband all CRASH units was wrong.

We have finally achieved our zenith as an organization, that we are now subject to laws enacted to go after mobsters and gangsters. The courts are very reluctant to grant RICO status to gangs such as the 18th Street gang (with over 18,000 CRIMINAL members), but hey, the LAPD deserves it. The still overlooked fact is that EVERY single act of misconduct coming out of Rampart to date has been uncovered by LAPD's Internal Affairs Group, and made public by them, as they arrested and suspended involved officers. I guess that is the modus operandi for a "criminal organization." The Los Angeles Times acts as if its investigative reporters were the heroes of the day, even though not one act of misconduct was discovered as an "exclusive" or "special report" by its reporters.

The 9,300 (still remaining) dedicated officers of the LAPD would like to thank the federal judge that issued the RICO decision and also would like to thank all the federal and civil rights lawyers that have been trying for years to destroy an agency that over the years kept over 75,000 gang members from taking over the 3.8 million residents of L.A. I predict that in the near future the LAPD will need 15,000 to 20,000 officers to do the same job. L.A. better be ready for a major crime increase due to the demise of aggressive policing. When the good people of L.A. cry out for help, they can always dial 1-800-civil rights because calling 9-1-1 will be useless. I hope I'm wrong.

Andre Belotto, Newton Patrol

Dear Ted:

Thank you, all directors and entire staff, for your thoughts during my period of recuperation. I can handle the pain that comes along with the broken right wrist (writing hand, of course), but the dreadful itching beneath the con-founded cast is driving me nuts! Thanks again for the great fruit basket.

Lenny Muñoz (Ret.)

Dear Editor:

Starting in Feb. 2001 I'm going to start compiling all my short stories on LAPD's first policewomen into a book. I would like to place a request in the Blue Line for all "policewomen" be a "part of history" submit copies of your police photos or contact me for consideration in this history book about the first policewomen of LAPD prior to 1973.

Thanks,  
Gail Ryan (retired policewoman)  
P.O. Box 39  
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405-0039  
or voice mail 626-266-1814

Dear Editor:

I am writing this to give thanks to LAPPL director Rick Wells for the unparalleled support he provided me with while trying to return to the department. After successful employment with the LAPD, I lateraled to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office. My experience in working the

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## END OF WATCH



NAME: Joseph J. Farrell #7003  
RANK: Investigator III  
ASSIGNED TO: DHD  
BORN: July 12, 1930  
APPOINTED: January 16, 1953  
RETIRED: June 28, 1980  
DIED: June 19, 2000  
★ ★ ★

NAME: Ellen A. LePage #3709  
RANK: Policewoman  
ASSIGNED TO: Personnel  
BORN: March 30, 1919  
APPOINTED: September 23, 1946  
RETIRED: January 30, 1958  
DIED: August 8, 2000  
★ ★ ★

NAME: Darrell G. McCarty #13569  
RANK: Detective I  
ASSIGNED TO: BAD  
BORN: June 28, 1945  
APPOINTED: October 23, 1967  
RETIRED: July 24, 1993  
DIED: August 31, 2000

NAME: James T. Allen #6312  
RANK: Sergeant  
ASSIGNED TO: TED  
BORN: February 15, 1926  
APPOINTED: June 16, 1949  
RETIRED: July 4, 1969  
DIED: September 6, 2000  
★ ★ ★

NAME: James C. Watts #7276  
RANK: Policeman  
ASSIGNED TO: Central  
BORN: November 23, 1931  
APPOINTED: May 17, 1954  
RETIRED: July 4, 1974  
DIED: September 13, 2000  
★ ★ ★

NAME: Robert J. Mata #32571  
RANK: Police Officer II  
ASSIGNED TO: Harbor  
BORN: October 10, 1973  
ACTIVE  
DIED: September 19, 2000



jail was not as satisfactory as I had hoped in terms of my career objectives, and it became a very easy decision to reseek employment with the LAPD. After completing the testing process and waiting to be certified for hire I received a letter from the Personnel Department stating that they had uncovered some "confidential information" from anonymous sources. My integrity is everything to me. After further investigation on my part, there was no documentation of the issues raised by others. I contacted the Protective League, explained my situation, and was told that someone would return my call.

League director Rick Wells contacted me that evening and we discussed my situation. After a lengthy conversation, he wanted to meet in person and discuss this further. From that very first phone call, Rick was extremely beneficial to me in innumerable ways. First he listened to me and reserved judgment until he had reviewed all of my employment records, references, and got to know me better. Secondly, Rick returned all of my phone calls, no matter what time of day it was. Most importantly he kept me abreast of any happenings in my appeal. In the end, he was able to contact the right people at the right time and I was returned to the selection process. Rick Wells felt very confident in my appeal and made sure that I kept my chin up when things became overwhelming. I have the opportunity to once again be a valued asset to the department, thanks in large part to the tireless efforts of Rick Wells.

Very truly yours,  
Tracy L. Dominick

Dear Editor:

On September 27, 2000, while working Air-18 on Mid P.M. watch, my partner and I experienced an in-flight con-

dition which required us to conduct an off-site landing at 39th St. and Menlo Ave. This landing was done as a precautionary measure due to a situation that under extreme conditions could signify an upcoming engine failure. As the situation developed and we made our approach to the parking lot, my partner advised Southwest patrol of our situation. As I completed the approach, I watched as officers from Newton, Southwest and LAFD responded to the location and made themselves available to us if the situation deteriorated. In a day that seems like we (LAPD) can do nothing right, I felt great pride in seeing my brother and sister officers and firefighters there for my partner and me. We at Air Support Division request back-up and assistance for officers on the ground on a daily basis, but in this situation the officers were responding for us. We would like to take the opportunity to say thank you all very much for responding like the LAPD that we know and respect. Take care of yourselves my brothers and sisters.

Officer Brent L. Jones  
Officer Debbie K. Kickbush  
Air Support Division

**Letter in response to LAPD Officer Robert Mata laid to rest on September 26, 2000**

I attended the funeral yesterday for LAPD Officer Bobby Mata. Not surprisingly, I didn't see Edwin Chemerinsky, Carol Sobel, Constance Rice or Bill Lann Lee there. I find it troubling that these people who pride themselves on being LAPD "experts" can tell us what is wrong with our Department and criticize us to the tenth degree, yet when one of our finest makes the ultimate sacrifice, they are nowhere to be found. I guess it goes to show what they are really all about. It is

easy to take cheap shots; it is not easy to do the right thing!

Jake Bushey  
LAPD Officer

To the Editor:

Over the past seven months I have read the 362-page Board of Inquiry Report on the Rampart Area Corruption incident, the 88-page Department of Justice consent decree presenting the so-called "reforms" needed to clean up the LAPD and all of the newspaper coverage, editorials and OpEd pieces by the politicians, mavens and pundits who routinely propagandize for the city of Los Angeles and nowhere has the true core problem of the Rampart scandal ever been exposed or discussed.

The compelling evidence cited in the outstanding article by Jan Golab (Salon.Com 9-27) can lead a thinking person to only one conclusion: The Rampart scandal is not about a bunch of cops becoming crooks, but rather about a bunch of crooks being allowed to become cops. The Rampart scandal is about the corruption of well intentioned affirmative action programs. It is about a dangerous numbers game and quota system brought to us by the DOJ in the form of a consent decree in the early 1980's.

These facts are and have been inescapable from the beginning. Why has this corruption not been exposed and made a part of the so-called reforms? Why has so much effort been expended to pay off bogus lawsuits and stop penetrating investigations in order to keep this fact from public scrutiny? Why have the so-called reformers ignored the fact that reform begins first with a consideration for the character of the person we recruit, screen, hire and expose to the scrutiny of academy training for six months before they are

allowed to go to the streets with a badge and gun?

The total focus of the DOJ consent decree is upon gathering statistics and creating new management systems and bureaucracies with absolutely no cap on the tax dollars that will be expended to put them in place. Yet, there is not one single mention or concern for measuring the character of those we hire to become police officers. Why? We should ask all of the politicians, DOJ lawyers, pundits, OpEd writers and the editors of the Los Angeles Times to answer that question. Jan Golab, Russ Poole and Salon.com have exposed the evidence. It is now time for those of our elected leaders, who have known about all of this from the beginning, to finally do something with it.

Stephen Downing  
Deputy Chief, LAPD (Ret.)  
310-318-8553

Note to my friends: Please feel free to forward this message to everyone in your e-mail directory. E-mail continues to be the best new form of democracy.

**Re: Article of Gary Ingemunson of Sept., 2000**

Dear Editor:

I found the September article of Gary Ingemunson to be both enlightening and infuriating. It has become painfully clear that the Department has decided to use any tactic, legal or illegal, to prove to the world that they are cleaning their own house. It is of little care to them that the cleaning consists mainly of good, innocent officers who have been victimized by Ray Perez and an overzealous investigation.

To highlight the point of Ingemunson's article, I wish to relay a

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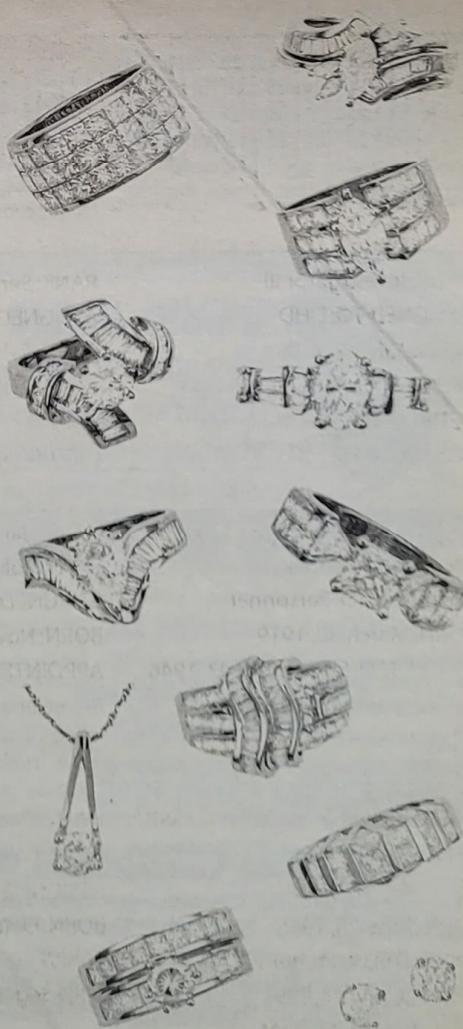
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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series of incidents that I have witnessed that clearly shows the double standard of LAPD management. In June, 1999, I defended an officer at a Board of Rights in which Deputy Chief Maurice Moore and Capt. Brad Merritt were board members. After we recessed for the day I happened to witness Chief Moore and Capt. Merritt talking to the Department advocate, apparently in some secrecy. I confronted the advocate, and to his credit, he admitted that he was discussing the issues of the case at hand and had done so on two previous occasions. He made this admission in the presence of my secretary.

I also determined that a board member had possibly tampered with a witness. The officer testified on direct examination by me, then we recessed for the day. The next day, prior to his cross-examination, the officer was called into his Captain's office. His Captain informed the officer that a board member had called him and discussed the officer's testimony. His Lieutenant and Sergeant then grilled the officer about his testimony. It was painfully clear to him that the Department was not happy with his testimony.

When we reconvened, I confronted the board members and complained about the ex parte communications and the possible witness tampering. To my amazement, Chief Moore chastised me and denied that they had spoken about anything related to the case. When I advised the Chief that I knew what had been said, he again denied it and asked how I could possibly know what was said. I told him that the advocate had told me what was said. Moore shot an incredulous look at the advocate and asked him if it was true. The advocate confirmed that what I had represented was correct. But then the Advocate added that Chief Moore had just refreshed his memory about what they actually had been talking about and that he was mistaken when he told me that they had been discussing the case. To my shock, Moore chastised me again and said it was a non-issue. Capt. Merritt admitted that he had called the witness's captain and discussed the officer but denied that it was for the

purpose of influence or intimidation. The board proceeded as if nothing had occurred.

I immediately made a complaint to Internal Affairs against Chief Moore and Capt. Merritt. On August 6, 1999, I received a letter from Chief of Staff David Gascon stating that Chief Parks had "reviewed the matter and has concluded that the issues of concern regarding ex parte communications and witness tampering did not occur. Therefore, no disciplinary action will be taken against any of the above-named employees." But there was more. The Chief continued, "You should be aware that there is a significant concern regarding the possible strategic exploitation of the complaint process by participants in the Board of Rights process. The Chief of Police has opined that allegations emanating from such processes are appropriately handled by addressing the issues on the record and allowing the process to proceed. In the event a matter subsequently rises to the level of judicial review and concern by the court, a complaint investigation would be initiated."

Further complaints to the Police Commission and the Inspector General by me resulted in absolutely no action or investigation.

Now compare that incident with one in which I am currently involved and has received some notoriety. I represent a Rampart officer who was ordered to a Board of Rights. At the board, it became apparent that the only evidence the Department had was the testimony of Ray Perez, an admitted liar and thief. During a recess, one of the board members, Capt. Joe Curreri, made a comment to the Department advocate, Sgt. Marie Acosta. Curreri stated to the effect that the Department better have some corroborating evidence to support Perez' testimony. Curreri stated that he had been on the other boards in which Perez had lied so he could not believe anything Perez said without corroboration. The advocate went unhinged and demanded that Capt. Curreri recuse himself from the board because he was biased. Of course, the board refused to recuse him and tried to proceed. It is still up in the air as to what will happen to this board.

But in the meantime, I received a call from an Internal Affairs investigator requesting that I submit to an interview

because I was the witness to misconduct by Capt. Curreri. I declined to be interviewed. Soon thereafter I received a letter from Capt. Pate Trilling, Chief Investigator of Internal Affairs Group. In this letter I was chastised for refusing to submit to an interview. Trilling stated, "The Los Angeles Police Department is currently conducting a personnel complaint investigation involving possible misconduct by a Department employee. Previously, you have told investigators that you would not submit to an interview unless you were given the name of the accused employee and the allegation against the employee because CNN was interested in knowing what the Department was doing. You are an attorney in close association with the Los Angeles Police Protective League, and as such, we are sure you can appreciate and understand the confidentiality required for complaint investigations." He continued, "The Department views all allegations of misconduct as important. We would appreciate your assistance and cooperation in this matter in order to conduct a thorough and impartial investigation."

Isn't it amazing how important it is for the Department to investigate allegations against a board member that is taking a view contrary to management's while it appears that they could care less when board members violate the law and their own rules of conduct when their actions are consistent with management's?

Over the past seven years that I have defended Los Angeles Police Officers against allegations of misconduct, it has never ceased to amaze me how unethical and underhanded the management of the LAPD can be. For them to deny that a double standard for conduct does not exist is ludicrous. "Win at all cost" should be their new motto. This is not to say that there are not good and decent individuals in the command structure. But it has become apparent to me that to survive as part of management a person must at some point dispossess himself of his integrity or suffer the consequences. After all, saving the "good" name of the LAPD is worth any price to be paid, even if it includes ruining the lives of the individual men and women of the LAPD.

What will come of all this? Those that are fighting the hardest to save the LAPD from a takeover by the federal government may eventually come to the realization that there may be nothing worth saving. After all, a system devoid of honor, integrity, and loyalty has nothing left to be saved.

Very truly yours,  
Lawrence J. Hanna

### Los Angeles Police Protective League

To those that would lead us and to the rest who follow blindly like a herd of sheep:

I am a frustrated police officer that just doesn't get it. I have been a police officer for some time now and not just with the LAPD, so I do have a little

broader experience to draw from. I have seen how things are done elsewhere and cannot understand why approximately 9,600 police officers don't have what we desire in a workplace. If you think about it, our collective voice is one heck of a large number of reckon with.

Unfortunately, a great majority of us still feel unfulfilled, cheated, passed up, inferior, unexcited, unprotected (and not just from the citizenry), obsolete and betrayed, everyone is very aware of the current climate and state of affairs with the city of Los Angeles and our department. Nothing has really ever changed. Why?

Most of us are just looking out for ourselves. This is a way of insulating ourselves from any potential calamity. Those of us that do choose to let our guard down do so at our own risk. We are relegated to creating alliances with others, barely trusted, hoping to gain some perceived positive end result.

Our present system and the way things have been done for aeons codifies to conformists. Those officers who make no noise, pose no threat of a mutiny and sit quietly in roll call while the quiet majority absorb the company line and grind enamel off of their teeth in silent frustration.

Isn't it enough that we have to contend with people out on the street that would figuratively desire to mount our heads on their walls? But no, we all make a conscious decision to live in an atmosphere and culture that was created long before we ever came along.

What can you and I do? Get directly involved with League/union affairs and business. Hold those that would be directing us accountable. Look at the big picture instead of the microcosm of a career that you think you have somehow created for yourself. Realize that as a collective whole we are something to reckon with. Failure to heed my advice has dire future consequences unless you are a conformist, in which case I'll be saying, "Yes, Sir" - "No, Ma'am" ... to my superior.

A member of the LAPD herd,  
(Name Withheld)

### Don Lint, Director

Dear Don:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for interceding on my behalf recently regarding a problem I had with a vacation request. In the bigger scheme of things this was a relatively minor issue. However, it was very important to me and I sensed that you felt the same way. Your swift action involving a telephone call to my lieutenant resolved the problem and left me with a feeling of satisfaction that the League had come through again. I just wanted you to know that your efforts as well as the efforts of the other directors do not go unappreciated.

With sincere thanks,  
Ronald F. Ponzi  
Detective, Financial Crimes Division



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**September 17, 1999** - The U.S. Justice Department enters the Rampart probe

**September, 1999** - Javier Francisco Ovando, 22, is freed after serving three years of a 23-year sentence for assault. Ovando contends he was shot, paralyzed and framed by Rafael Perez

**March 1, 2000** - LAPD Board of Inquiry issues a report on Rampart/CRASH condemning department staff for fostering "mediocrity" in the department.

**March 1, 2000** - Council refuses to order independent investigation of LAPD

**March 3, 2000** - Chief Parks announces the abolishment of the department's anti-gang CRASH units

**April 12, 2000** - The Police Commission appoints two dozen attorneys to a task force charged with investigating the Rampart scandal

**April 12, 2000** - LAPD and the Federal Justice Department agree to a joint task force for possible prosecution of more officers

**June 7, 2000** - Mayor announces Los Angeles will not agree to a consent decree with the Justice Department

**August 4, 2000** - The 98th conviction is overturned while thousands of cases continue to be examined

## 20/20 Message Coming Directly To Your Computer

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## Associate Organizations and Your League Working Together

The Associate Organizations have all joined together and will be hosting quarterly food festivals for all bureaus. It is our way of showing our appreciation for all the hard work you all do on a daily basis. The idea of quarterly food festivals grew out of the Departmentwide food festival we all sponsored after the D.N.C. The first one will be held in South Bureau and is being coordinated by LAWPOA and Lt. Anita Mckeown with assistance from other Associate Organization members. I will keep you updated on our progress with this project. The member organizations of the Associate Organizations include:

- Los Angeles Police Protective League
- Association of Black Law Enforcement Executives
- Los Angeles Women Police Officers Association

- Law Enforcement Association of Asian Pacific Islanders
- Oscar Joel Bryant Foundation
- Shomrim Society of Southern California
- Latin American Law Enforcement Association
- Golden State Peace Officers Association
- Los Angeles Police Command Officers Association
- Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association
- Los Angeles Police Relief Association
- Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union

We are also pleased to have Mrs. Bobbie Parks working alongside us. Bobbie considers us all her children and does a great job demonstrating her support for the troops. She is sincere and very supportive of your efforts to protect and serve the city.

## Police Appreciation Day

Community Groups throughout Los Angeles will be hosting an Appreciation Day on November 10, 2000, for all patrol division personnel. There will be blue ribbons tied to trees and other objects around the stations. Please remember to wear your Blue Ribbon on November 10th. We must always remember that there is a silent majority of people out there who do care about you and support your efforts and actions, regardless of what the media reports.

Please have your divisional reporters report on the festivities held in your individual divisions. It will be nice to read just how nice the day turns out for all of you. Photos will also be nice to have for the Blue Line.

## City Council Campaign

I have entered the race for the Los Angeles City Council's third district currently held by Council member Laura Chick. Council member Chick must vacate her seat due to term limits. She is now running for the city controller seat. The primary election takes place in April 2001.

It will be a hard campaign with many special interests pushing for their individual causes. I need volunteers and money to win this campaign. It will cost approximately \$300,000 to win along with a significant number of volunteers. I ask for your support and vote. If you can volunteer or assist in any other way, please contact me so I can include you in the campaign. You can phone me at 213 251 4593 or e-mail me at Zman8910@aol.com. It is time that we get a proven and dedicated police supporter on the city council.

The third district is located in the San Fernando Valley and is bordered by Balboa Blvd. on the east Roscoe Blvd. on the north the Ventura Freeway on the south and Valley Circle on the west.

## May He Rest In Peace

This edition of the Blue Line is dedicated in the memory of Harbor Area Officer Bobby Mata. Bobby lost his life in a traffic collision responding to assist a fellow officer. May Bobby rest in peace and may his wife and children find comfort in knowing that their loving husband and father sacrificed his life protecting and serving.

## Dates to Remember

November 7th is the national election day. Cast your vote in our free-choice nation.

November 10th is the city-wide police appreciation day. The community does care about you.

November 17th City of Hope Boxing match at the Olympic Auditorium.

November 23rd is Thanksgiving. Remember to give thanks for your blessings.

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all the crimes all of the time. Our League does a good job with the help of many of you. As soon as we learn of a violation we take action. We are willing

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The analysis of traffic citations issued showed that 23 percent of all traffic citations issued were to African American drivers. The Department of Justice alleged that this was proof of racial profiling and discrimination. Now they are under federal supervision. Do you work a division where minorities are the majority? Look out, because it can happen to you.

The *Daily News* correctly analyzed the Chief's sell-out by prophesizing that LAPD will become the next Washington, D.C. Any officer who attempts to do their job the way they should to protect the citizens is jeopardizing his/her career. Bill Lan Lee and the Department of Justice have set the tone that LAPD officers are the bad guys. A citizen has more to fear from contact with LAPD than you do from a criminal.

If you have less than ten years on the job, I'd be looking to lateral to another police department, where the management treats you with dignity and offers you a pension with the "Three-Percent-at-50 Rule." LAPD used to be a proud

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the defense through a *Pitchess* motion. Probably recognizing the merits of the City Attorney's position, Ms. Ingalls then tried a new move.

On October 6, Ms. Ingalls issued a new subpoena, under *People vs. Ortiz*. It directed the LAPD to produce the 82 files in the trial court at Department 109. In her declaration in support of the subpoena, Ms. Ingalls now stated that the files were necessary as part of the District Attorney's investigation into the "so-called LAPD Rampart CRASH scandal" and that review of the files was necessary to successfully prosecute *People vs. Ortiz*. Ingalls again cited

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organization. Its officers are still the best. But management and the Chief have sold you out and acquiesced that our Department is so mismanaged that it requires federal monitoring, yet still no managers are held accountable.

Want a valid reason to look for a job other than LAPD? Read Proposal No. 13: "The City defendants, by and through their officials, agents, employees, and successors are enjoined from engaging in a pattern or practice of conduct by law enforcement officers of the LAPD that deprives persons of rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws on the United States. THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES' EMPLOYMENT POLICIES, PRACTICES, OR PROCEDURES."

The Chief of Police cut a deal which permits him to violate your rights with impunity. The groundwork is clearly established to get the officer any way you can. Only criminals have rights. LAPD is not the place to be.

Be careful out there. You are now working for the People's Republic of Los Angeles and Chairman Bernard Parks will reward you with a Board of No Rights.

Penal Code Section 832.7. The trial judge denied the City Attorney's request for time to file a motion to quash and subpoena and ordered the LAPD to turn over the files to Ms. Ingalls forthwith. We are pleased to report that on October 6, the Court of Appeals issued a temporary stay order immediately staying the trial court's order for production of the 82 files until further order of the appellate court. The League is now seeking permission to file a brief in this case.

We will keep you informed of all significant future developments in these very important legal cases. In the meantime, feel free to contact us at the League or send me an e-mail at [generalcounsel@lapl.org](mailto:generalcounsel@lapl.org).

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# POLITICAL FRONTLINE



## Binding Arbitration to End Police and Fire Contract Disputes

by Ted Hunt

Gov. Davis signed the Binding Arbitration Law by Senator John Burton (D-San Francisco) which gives

the right to California's public safety unions (police and fire) to use binding interest arbitration.

Binding Arbitration means that if a city or county fails to bargain in good faith with the public safety union, then the union and only the union, can trigger Arbitration.

That means the union can intervene with mediation and arbitration. In other words, in the type of arbitration codified in SB 402, a panel of people from outside city government, examine the last best offer as presented by both sides (League & City). Then the arbitrator decides which offer is the most fair. Because the Arbitration is binding, both parties must comply with the results.

For years the city has used a stalling tactic to prolong negotiations. This contract, the city did not stall because of the DNC, which the League helped to bring to L.A. knowing that it would be a contract year. The threat of a job action by the League during the DNC helped force the city to an on-time settlement.

Ted Hunt, President of the League, told the American Police Beat (APBweb.com) the nationwide police magazine, "Everyone knew that the city was going to be very dependent on LAPD to contend with all the demonstrations expected during the

DNC. So in May of 2000, we invited the representatives of all the major police unions across the United States to Los Angeles to discuss mutual problems and to pledge assistance to one another if our contract talks did not go well."

Hunt then "stood in line" and obtained permits to demonstrate during the entire convention. "I'm sure they were in shock when they realized hundreds of police officers from across L.A., California and all over the country were going to be out there demonstrating," said Hunt.

According to American Police Beat, the "L.A. Times quickly picked up on the story and made calls to those union presidents that Hunt had lined up for support. Once the story broke, the union had their contract in 72 hours and the terms were very favorable to the union."

Hunt told the Thin Blue Line, "I believe that working together with our friends from San Francisco to San Diego, from L.A. County and Seattle to Chicago to New York City, Philly and Baltimore, we were able to back up our threat. And they knew it. We had commitments for support. Our colleagues from across this nation supported us and we won. If they call on us, we'll be there for them as well. Sticking together works."

Prior to SB 402, law enforcement officers and firefighters bargained in a "meet and confer" setting. At the end of the negotiations process, the prior law gave employers the right to unilaterally implement their last best offers. Thus unions were often forced into staging "blue flu," picketing, demonstrating and work slowdowns.

Under the new law there is no need to do anything but trigger Binding Arbitration. To demonstrate how afraid management is of Binding Arbitration, and all the fairness it brings to the process, every city and county opposed it and all the chief's opposed it. Cliff Ruff, the League representative in Sacramento said, "Ken Maddox, who is a former police officer and active reserve officer and a Republican

Assemblyman from Orange County voted for SB402 and the police chiefs pulled their endorsement of him."

"We started planning contract strategy for the next contract before the last contract was settled," Hunt said, "With Binding Arbitration, the city must treat us fairly. And that is all any of us want, treat me with dignity and respect, in a fair and equal manner."

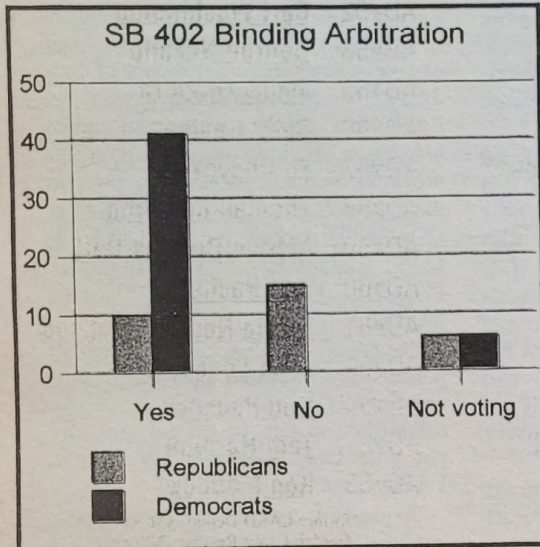


Figure 1: Vote of Assembly Members on SB 402 Binding Arbitration based on party affiliation. Note that one office is vacant and one office is held by a Green Party member.

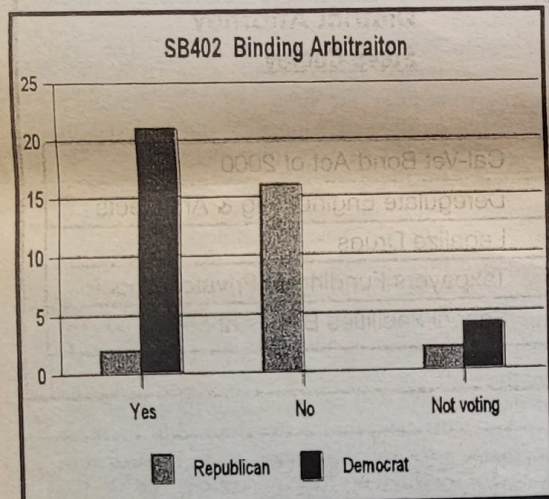


Figure 3: Vote by Senators on SB 402 Binding Arbitration based on party affiliation.

### Voting Record on SB 402 Binding Arbitration by Local Members of the Assembly

Yes	Party/Area
Olberg	(R) 34-Victorville
Jackson	(D) 35-Santa Paula
Strickland	(R) 37-Ventura
Cardenas	(D) 39-Pacoima
Hertzberg	(D) 40-Van Nuys
Kuehl	(D) 41-Santa Monica
Knox	(D) 42-Los Angeles
Wildman	(D) 43-Burbank
Scott	(D) 44-Pasadena
Villaraigosa	(D) 45-Los Angeles
Cedillo	(D) 46-Los Angeles
Wesson	(D) 47-Los Angeles
Wright, Rod	(D) 48-Los Angeles
Romero	(D) 49-Los Angeles
Firebaugh	(D) 50-Huntington Park
Vincent	(D) 51-Inglewood
Washington	(D) 52-Compton
Nakano	(D) 53-Torrance
Floyd	(D) 55-Long Beach
Havice	(D) 56-Artesia
Gallegos	(D) 57-Baldwin Park
Longville	(D) 62-Fontana
Granlund	(D) 65-Yucaipa
Maddox	(R) 68-Garden Grove
No	Party/Area
Runner	(R) 36-Lancaster
McClintock	(R) 38-Mission Hills
Margette	(R) 59-Arcadia (east)
Leonard	(R) 63-Upland

## Zine Runs for City Council

Dennis P. Zine is a native son of Los Angeles. He has served the people of LA for 32 years but is best known for his active roles in traffic safety as a motor sergeant and as a protector of officers rights for seven years as a director of our League.

Dennis was elected to the Charter Commission from the 3rd Council District and worked at night for two years to develop the new LA City Charter.

After a great deal of thinking and evaluation, Dennis has decided to continue his service to the City, especially to his brother and sister police officers - both active and retired, by running for the 3rd Council District.

Dennis has already been endorsed and is supported by the League, the Association of Los Angeles Deputy

Sheriffs, the Southern California Alliance of Law Enforcement, California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations, and more.

Dennis has demonstrated strong but fair leadership both as a Department Supervisor and as a League Director.

Dennis is fiscally very conservative but clearly understands in order to keep the best officers at LAPD, the City has to stop spending on frivolities and special interests.

Dennis knows that to keep the best officers at LAPD, the City has to offer an excellent salary, good working conditions including basics issues such as

- Flexible Scheduling
- Better Pensions
- Fair Discipline

Improved benefits for retirees. Dennis is the leading candidate. But he cannot win without your help. Please consider helping Dennis in two ways.

• Consider making a donation to Dennis' campaign.

It takes about \$300,000 to win this seat. If every police officer and retired officer donated just \$10 dollars, Dennis would have the money needed to win.

• Consider volunteering to help Dennis in the campaign.

Volunteer power is very important to winning an office. People will be needed to staff the office, make telephone calls, write letters, stuff envelopes, and walk precincts.

Both retired officers and their spouses are really encouraged to help. You know, Dennis has been instrumental in helping to improve your benefits such as the change to

allow the surviving spouse to remarry without losing the pension, etc. In order to make more changes to the benefits of retired officers, you need a friend there in City Council where the decisions are made.

Please send your check to Dennis P. Zine for City Council, 7862 Oso Avenue, Winnetka, CA 91306. ID# pending. The maximum amount that you are allowed to contribute is \$500.

We encourage individuals to contribute any amount. \$10, \$25 or more. Every dollar you invest in Dennis, will come back to you through improved benefits and or more money.

This is our future. We need to invest in it so we can have a voice.

Please write a check and send it in to help Dennis help you.



## Motion

One of the major concerns of the Christopher Commission was the officer discipline system. Considerable discussion regarding police officer discipline has taken place recently and the Chief of Police has instituted new guidelines and a new system.

A very simple and relatively inexpensive tool exists that can protect officers from perceived unwarranted complaints and at the same time protect the city and the department from unnecessary liability. The issuance of a pocket tape recorder with a voice activated microphone can offer evidence which is conclusive and may reduce improper abuse of the complaint system, thereby protecting both the officers and the city.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department report to the Budget and Finance Committee, and the Public Safety Committee, the cost of implementation of a system of providing to all field officers a pocket tape recorder with voice activated microphone.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney develop a guideline for making officers responsible for keeping tapes available to the Police Department and/or the City Attorney as needed to resolve complaints or disputes.

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Councilman, 12th District

Seconded by Miscikowski

## DNA Testing Laws Help Detectives

Sacramento--Governor Gray Davis has signed landmark legislation to use DNA testing to ensure the integrity of the state's criminal justice system and help identify missing persons.

"These new laws allow law enforcement to use the latest scientific technologies to prove the guilt of criminals and solve crimes," said Governor Davis. "DNA testing will assure to all that the guilty are truly guilty and the innocent truly innocent. Moreover, those of us who believe in the death penalty have a special burden to ensure that those convicted of capital crimes are, in fact, guilty."

Governor Davis signed into law AB 2814 sponsored by Assemblyman Michael Machado (D-Linden) which allows police to compare a suspect's DNA profile with evidence from

unsolved crimes. Current law limits DNA sampling to those who have been convicted of crime.

Governor Davis signed into law SB 1818 sponsored by Senator Jackie Speier (D-San Mateo) which creates a new DNA database for missing persons cases funded by a \$2 increase in the cost of a death certificate. The new database will provide an additional tool to law enforcement in the identification of unidentified bodies and missing persons.

"With the unidentified remains of more than 2,000 people in California county morgues, many of them children, this new databank will undoubtedly help solve crimes," said Governor Davis. "In addition, this new law will help families gain closure and continue with their lives."

## LAPPL ★ General Election ★ Endorsements

### U.S. Congressional

CD#27 Adam Schiff

CD#36 Jane Harmon

### State Senate

SD#21 Jack Scott

SD#23 Sheila Kuehl

SD#25 Ed Vincent

SD#27 Betty Karnette

SD#29 Richard Melendez

SD#31 Jim Brulte

SD#37 Jim Battin

### State Assembly

AD#10 Debra Gravert

AD#36 George Runner

AD#37 Tony Strickland

AD#38 Keith Richman

AD#39 Tony Cardenas

AD#40 Bob Hertzberg

AD#41 Fran Pavley

AD#42 Paul Koretz

AD#43 Dario Frommer

AD#44 Carol Liu

AD#46 Gil Cedillo

AD#47 Herb Wesson

AD#48 Roderick Wright

AD#49 Gloria Romero

AD#50 Marco Firebaugh

AD#51 Jerome Horton

AD#52 Carl Washington

AD#53 George Nakano

AD#55 Jenny Oropeza

AD#56 Sally Havice

AD#57 Ed Chavez

AD#58 Thomas Calderon

AD#59 Meline Dolores Hall

AD#60 Bob Pacheco

AD#61 Gloria Negrete McLeod

AD#62 John Longville

AD#64 Rod Pacheco

AD#67 Tom Harman

AD#68 Ken Maddox\*

\*former LASD Deputy, Current  
Garden Grove Reserve Officer

AD#69 Lou Correa

**L.A. County  
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Prop 32	YES	Cal-Vet Bond Act of 2000
Prop 35	NO	Deregulate Engineering & Architects
Prop 36	NO	Legalize Drugs
Prop 38	NO	Taxpayers Funding of Private Schools
Prop 39	NO	School Facilities Bonds at 55%



League President Ted Hunt, Assemblymember Ken Maddox and League Director Cliff Ruff. Ken Maddox is the Republican Assemblymember from Garden Grove and a former police officer and L.A. County deputy sheriff. He has been targeted by the Police Chiefs' Association of California because he supports rank-and-file police officers. The League urges every voter in his district to support this member of the state assembly, who has proven his backing of line officers, over and over again, in the areas of health and safety.



League Negotiating Team was honored by Board of Directors for their contribution to the M.O.U. From left to right: Bob Baker, Tom Anderson, Jack Cota, Corina Lee, Kevin McClure, Randal Quan, Don Lint. (Negotiating Team not pictured include Ted Hunt, Mitzi Grasso, Rick Wells, Tim Sands, Enrique Hernandez, Barbara Carranza, Gary Fredo.)

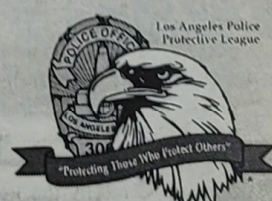


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Representatives from League and OJB join LA LEY Board of Directors at the LA LEY annual picnic.

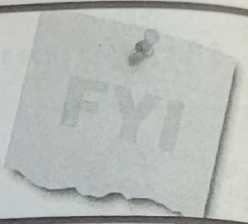
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# FOR YOUR INFORMATION



For Your Information is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

## Ted Hunt Chairs POST

The California Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (POST) is charged with establishing the basic standards for hiring and training of all peace officers in the state of California. It is not a licensing agency but a training and education authority.

The Commission is composed of 14 people. There are five members appointed from management, four from rank-and-file, one county elected/appointed official, one city elected/appointed official, one from education, and two members are from the public at large.

Members of the POST Commission attend regularly scheduled meetings four times a year in addition to the regularly scheduled Commission meetings.

The Chair of the Commission is elected by the Commissioners. This year, L.A. Police Protective League President Ted Hunt was elected by the Commission to be its leader. Hunt is the first rank-and-file officer LAPD officer to ever hold this powerful position.

"My intent is to redirect POST money and resources back to the line level. I recently attended a training

seminar presented by LA LEY. It was professionally presented and valuable training. But just like everyone else who attended, I had to pay for it out of my own pocket and LA LEY augmented the seminar with its own resources," Hunt said. "What I resent about POST is that sworn officers, the people for whom POST was created, are now taking a financial back seat to non-sworn support staff. That is going to change."

Hunt has outlined also a POST certified training institute which will be a "master patrol officer" certificate program. "Everyone knows the basic function of police work and the backbone of every Department, is the uniformed patrol officer," Hunt said, "Yet patrol officers are always forgotten. It isn't just because patrol officers need to be remembered, but because patrol really is the backbone. And to help resolve problems faced by the cop on the beat, we need a "master" patrol officer training program."

You can reach the POST Web site through a link by logging on to LAPD.COM.

## Yosemite N.P. Volunteers WANTED

Yosemite National Park is looking for volunteer couples with one having a law enforcement background to work with the law enforcement office. The position is "Park Desk Officer," working a few days a week. The park desk officer takes non-emergency police reports and other duties as assigned freeing park rangers to deal with more immediate problems. The desk officer's spouse will have other required volunteer duties as assigned.

The National Park will provide a campsite, with full hook-ups, for your

RV up to 40 feet in length. No housing is available.

If interested in volunteering for the park service for a minimum of 10 weeks, contact as listed below. The normal season is from April to November each year.

To volunteer: Contact Lead Volunteer Desk Officer, Glen Stanley for application and information at: gsnscs1020@aol.com or call 1-800-445-1732, FMCA member number #F214191 or U.S. mail, 143 Rainbow Dr., #4347, Livingston, TX 77399.

## California Memorial Fund

### Tax Check-off Box for Memorial

by Ted Hunt

You can contribute to the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation on your 2001 California Income Tax return. Ask your tax preparer to check off your contribution on your state of California Income Tax Return.

Senate Bill 1230 was recently signed by Governor Gray Davis which allows taxpayers to make voluntary contributions on their personal state income tax returns. All of that money goes to the California Peace Officers' Memorial Fund. The contribution is completed by a "check off" on the income tax form. There is no need to write a separate check.

If all California Peace Officers, both active and retired, checked that box, so much more could be done for the dependents of deceased officers and to honor the memory of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

All of the money in the Fund is used to maintain the Peace Officers'

Memorial and to support activities for surviving families, including grief counseling and scholarships. The names of all LAPD officers who have died in the line of duty are included on the Memorial.

### CPOMF Scholarships

Any dependent of a California peace officer, who has died in the line of duty is eligible to compete for a scholarship. That means LAPD officers too. Any dependent of any LAPD police officer who died in the line of duty, can apply for one of the scholarships. The criteria for consideration are Academic Achievement, Financial Needs, School Activities, and Community Service.

Applications for a scholarship must be received by Monday, April 2, 2001, in order to be considered for the year 2001 scholarship. Please contact Ted Hunt at the Police Protective League for an application, 1308 West 8th Street, 4th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017; phone: 213-251-4554 or fax: 213-251-4566; or e-mail: jtedhunt@aol.com.

## LAPD Family Member Needs Assistance

Former LAPD officers Megan and Jeff Lewallen's son, Riley, was born with a serious heart condition that may ultimately require surgery. We can only imagine the amount of stress this must place on the Lewallen family. As a result of this unfortunate situation, a trust account in Riley's name at Schools Federal Credit Union in Placerville has been established. If you would like to make a donation to the account, please make a check payable to Riley James Lewallen and mail check to Schools Federal Credit Union, 4282 Golden Center Dr., Placerville, CA 95667.

Please write the account number of the trust fund in the memo portion of the check (9888570S01).

Riley is at the UC Davis Medical Center Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit and in stable condition. Thank you in advance for helping send the message to the Lewallens that our thoughts and prayers are with them during this trying time.

Megan Lewallen, #31661

Jeff Lewallen, #27407



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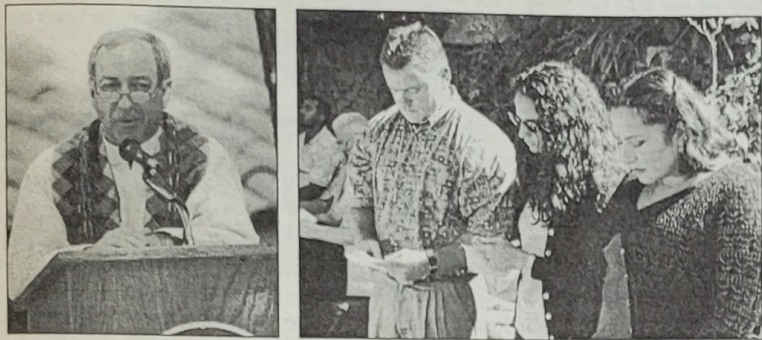
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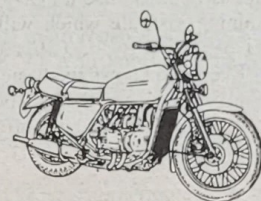
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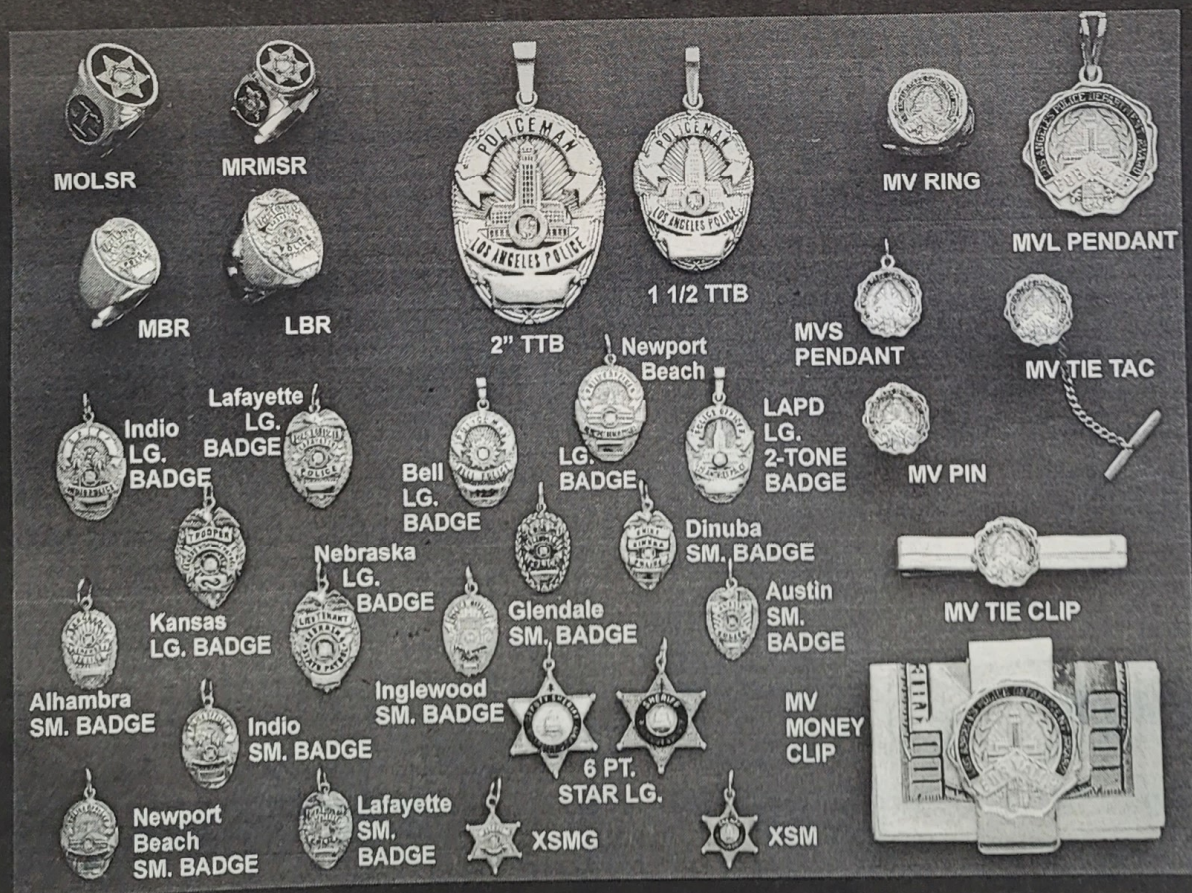
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### Police Writers Conference

Most law enforcement personnel believe they've been through enough experiences to write a book--and many of them have. From LAPD's Joseph Wambaugh, Dallas Barnes, and Paul Bishop, to NYPD's William Cauntiz, Ed Dee, and Dan Mahoney, to Chicago PD's Hugh Holton and others across the country, sworn officers and detectives are experiencing success in the publishing world.

Now a new nationwide organization, the Police Writers Club, has been established to bring together and serve all law enforcement personnel with an urge to put words on paper. Whether your interest is in writing novels, non-fiction articles, memoirs, or scripts, the Police Writers Club offers insights, instruction, and publication opportunities for law enforcement personnel from beginning writers to more experienced scribes.

This November the Police Writers Club will be sponsoring their third annual national writing conference. This year the event will be held in Reno, NV, at Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel, November 10-12, 2000. Melanie Rigney, editor of Writer's Digest, will be the keynote speaker.

In addition to Rigney, some of the nation's leading police writers will conduct workshops designed to provide a wide variety of useful, down-to-earth writing and publishing tips for both experienced writers and those still hoping to have a first work published.

Instructors will include LAPD's own Paul Bishop, author of nine novels, including the recently released, *Chalk Whispers*, Ed Dee (NYPD retired), author of four novels including *Nightbird*, Gary Boynton, who provided research for the true crime book, *If Loving You is Wrong*, Marilyn Meredith, a writing instructor, Liz DeFranco from PoliceOne.com, Marilyn Olsen from 38 Special Press, and author and lecturer Roger Fulton.

Topics presented will include, I've Got this Idea, Now What? Motivation for Writers, Just the Facts, Ma'am: How to do Effective Research, Writing for Police Publications, It Was a Dark and Stormy Night: A Fiction Workshop, The Truth, The Whole Truth and Nothing But the Truth: Researching a true crime book, a Read and Critique session, Major Problems Most Writers Have, Is It an Article, a Book or a TV Series? and How to Get Published. There will also be a writing competition with prizes awarded for both fiction and nonfiction entries.

Cost of the conference is \$225. You do not have to be a member of the Police Writers Club to attend. For information on registration, contact Ginny Harrell, P.O. Box 416, Hayes, VA 23072, call (804) 642-2343, or e-mail [rfulton@policewriter.com](mailto:rfulton@policewriter.com). LAPD personnel can contact DIII Paul Bishop at (310) 575-8441. Information about the conference and the club may also be found on the Police Writers Club Web site, <http://www.policewriter.com>.

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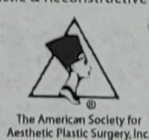
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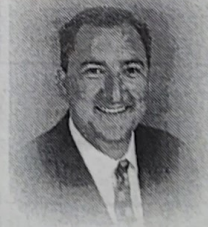
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## United States Flag Stars and Stripes Flag Folding Ceremony

The Flag Folding Ceremony represents the same religious principles in which our country was originally founded.

The Flag: The portion of the denoting honor is the canton of blue containing the stars representing states our veterans served in uniform. The canton field of blue dresses from left to right and only is inverted when draped as a pall on a casket of a veteran who has served our country honorably in uniform.

In the evening, in the armed forces of the United States, at the ceremony of retreat after Taps have been sounded, the flag is lowered and folded in a triangle fold and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning it is brought out at the ceremony of Reveille, and run up aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.

The First fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The Second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.

The Third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks whom gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world not to have been in vain and shall never be forgotten.

The Fourth fold represents our weaker nature; for as American citizens trusting in God, for it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.

The Fifth fold is a tribute to our country; for in the words of the immortal Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The Sixth fold for this is where our hearts lie, and it is with our hearts that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The Seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces; for it is through these same armed forces that we protect our

country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The Eighth fold is a tribute to the One who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day; and this fold is made to honor Mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The Ninth fold is a tribute to our womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the characters of the men that have made this country great have been molded.

The Tenth fold is a tribute to Father, for he too has given of his sons for the defense of our country, since she was first born.

We fold from the stripes toward the stars; for whereas the stripes represent the 13 original colonies that founded our republic, and they are now embodied in the fifty sovereign states represented by the stars, so that the stars cover the stripes.

The Eleventh fold for in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, this represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies in their eyes the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.

The Twelfth fold for in the eyes of a Christian citizen, this represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies in their eyes God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, which reminds us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones; and they, followed by their comrades and shipmates in the armed forces of the United States, have preserved for us the rights, privileges, and freedom which we are enjoying today.

This copy of the Stars and Stripes Folding Ceremony, which was read on September 25, 2000, to honor Officer Robert Mata, is being provided by the LAPD Chaplain Corps. For additional copies or to talk with Harbor Division Chaplain Ed Beardsley, please contact the CRO office at 310-548-7600.

Submitted by Fritz McDowell, Harbor Division

## Poet's Corner

Each morning when he walks out of the door,  
I hope and pray in the evening, he'll return once more.  
You see his job is a dangerous one,  
One that requires him to carry a gun.  
He's sworn to serve and protect us,  
In him we put our hope and trust.

Talk to his citizens and they'll tell you,  
The Officer I'm talking about will never fail you.  
He treats people with compassion and kindness,  
When you need help, he won't hide behind a desk.

He'll do everything in his power to assist you,  
Most Cops are like him, not just a few.

Lately, Police Officers have been getting a bad deal,  
Forgotten are those who are constantly helping people for real.

Forgotten are their loved ones at home waiting for them to come through the door,  
Knowing that the day is over for now, but tomorrow there will be more.

Asking God to provide strength and protection  
for their loved ones who protect us every day,

Asking God to provide them with guidance and show them the way.

The way to be safe and come home each night knowing the job was well done,  
Giving thanks that they were one of the chosen ones.

Lynne Wright  
Wife of Officer Earl Wright,  
Central Div., #27179  
Aug. 28, 2000

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October 23, 2000

The preliminary report, "The Strain  
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the employee shall have acquired the following combinations of education, either semester units or degrees, combined with the prescribed years of law enforcement.

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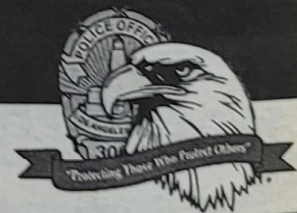
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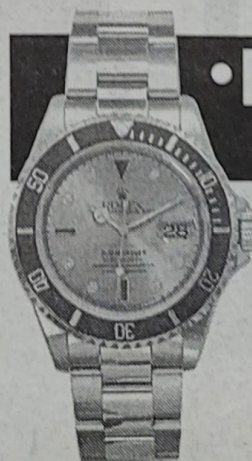
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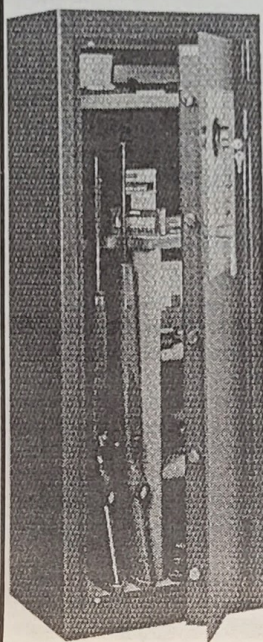
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### Lieutenant Oral Preparation

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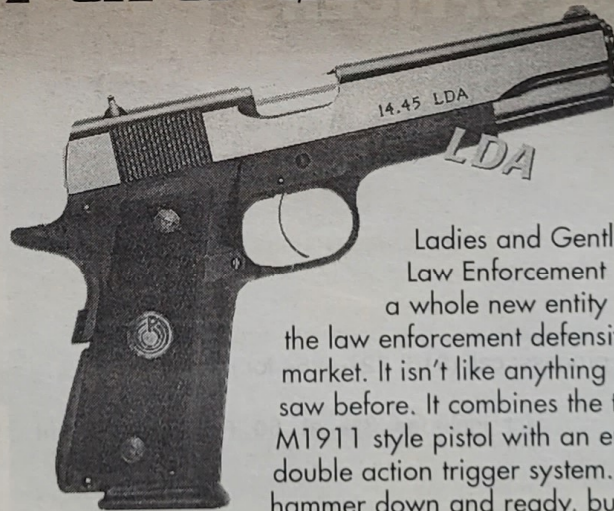
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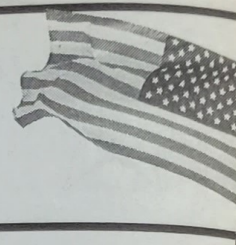
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Sally Jameson



# VETERAN'S CORNER



Veteran's Corner is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

## American Legion News

Commander George Aguilar, 381

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday,  
6:30pm - Panorama City  
Post #817

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Commander George Aguilar, Past Commander Marty Chalupa, Adjutant Frank Ortiz, and Executive Committeeman Charlie Meter.

For me, the highlight of the convention was listening to Gov. George Bush address the delegates. He spoke on veterans issues and America's understaffed and over-committed military.

As reported by National Commander Al Lance, in the 82-year history of the American Legion, both candidates from the major parties have spoken before our convention. Vice President Gore declined our invitation to speak at our convention; he is the first man ever seeking the presidency to do so. Commander Lance made it perfectly clear that this was an insult and a slap in our face.

### September Meeting

On Tuesday, September 19, in the little town of Panorama City, community and political leaders joined members of the American Legion to demonstrate their respect for officers of the Los Angeles Police Department. The event co-sponsors, Los Angeles Police Post 381 and the Department of California Law and Order Commission, joined to honor the officers that had responded to "shots fired" at the Jewish Community center last August 10, 1999.

Twenty-three officers from three divisions responded that fateful day. George Aguilar, Commander, Los Angeles Police Post, led the assembled

group through the opening Post ceremonies. Robert S. Russell, Commissioner 6th Area, Law and Order Commission read the abstract that provided a step-by-step accounting taken by the shooter and the officers. The targets of this vicious, unexpected rampage that had erupted at the Jewish Community Center were children, victims of hate. Fortunately, no child was fatally injured and all have recovered from their physical wounds. Sadly, in another location, on a residential street, the same assassin that invaded the Community Center had gunned down a United States Postal worker of Philippine descent.

Woody Baca, Public Relations 4th Area Commissioner, emceed the proceedings and introduced the visiting dignitaries. Each rose and spoke on the strength, courage and commitment of the officers of the Los Angeles Police Department. Personal feelings of safety were described by the presenter who gave each officer certificates of appreciation and gratitude for their devotion to duty. As was stated, "There is no prerequisite; such as commitment, experience, involvement, or courage. When faced with evolving terror that could strike in any direction at any time, it is harder to remain calm and focused. To deliberately place yourself in harm's way to protect others is not in man's nature. It is a learned trait. It is a choice that every officer makes every day simply by reporting to work."

The Los Angeles Post 381, The American Legion Law and Order Commission, Legionnaires, community and political leaders gave the twenty-three Los Angeles Police Officers a standing ovation for doing their job. In closing, Post Chaplain J.J. Leonard provided a rousing spirited sermon, which affected everyone by its frankness and intensity.

### Honored Officers

Devonshire: Ranon Samuels, Andrew Thompson, Misty Goodnight, Erik Solter, Michael Watson, Kosal Uch, Gabriel Colon, Carl Oschman, Roselinda Saindon, Robert Villalobos, Edward Herrera, Binnie Phan, John Mossbacher, David Hunt, Robert Becerra, Steve Lee, Sgt. Tim Surette, Sgt. James Antenucci, Sgt. Steve Savala.

Foothill: Alan Kreitzman, David Swanson, Marc Jomini.

Van Nuys: Robert Trulik.

### Dignitaries

State Senator Cathy Wright  
State Senator Manny Figueroa  
State Senator Richard Alarcon  
City Councilman Alex Padilla  
City Council Field Deputy Francisco Martinez

David Tierney, for Congressman Brad Sherman

Steward Waldman, for State Assembly Speaker Robert Hertzberg

Michell Luse, for Assemblyman Tom McClintock

Community Affairs Manager Laurene M. Lopez, for Mayor Richard J. Riordan

Undersheriff William T. Stonich, for Sheriff Lee Baca

Los Angeles County Sheriff Commander Jay A. Sowards

Captain John Egan, for Chief Bernard Parks

Foothill Division OIC, Captain II Kenny Garner

### Recruit Class #9 - 2000

The class that was scheduled to start on 9/25/00 was cancelled. This was the third class that has been cancelled this year. Have the lights gone on yet?

### Veterans Day

Veterans Day is a very important holiday in our country for it honors all of those, living and dead, who served with the U.S. armed forces in time of war. This day was formerly known as Armistice Day and was first proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson on November 11, 1919, to mark the one-year anniversary of the ending of World War I. In 1954, following World War II and the Korean Conflict, Armistice Day became known as Veterans Day. This commemorative day is observed each year on November 11th. In reality, the day to honor our veterans should be every day, for we owe so much to the brave men and women who have fought for freedom around the world.

### A Memorial to Those Killed in Wartime

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. It was dedicated on November 11, 1921, when it became the final resting place of an unknown soldier from World War I. In years that followed, three more unknown soldiers were laid to rest in the plaza next to the original tomb... one from World War II, one from the Korean Conflict and one from the Vietnam War. This memorial is now called the Tomb of the Unknowns.

A ceremony is held every Veterans Day at the Tomb of the Unknowns to honor all those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. This ceremony takes place at exactly 11:00 a.m., which symbolizes the ending of World War I on November 11, 1918, at 11:00 a.m. The focus point of the ceremony is the placing of the Presidential wreath in front of the tomb to pay tribute to all those who lost their lives in war.

### The Next Meeting of Police Post #381

Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is November 21, 2000. Cocktails are at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30, with the meeting to follow. This is the annual "Old Timers Night," and there will be no charge for dinner. Location--the Panorama Post, at 13553 Reedley Street, Panorama City. For information on the meeting, please call Adjutant Frank Ortiz, (626) 331-4271.

### Notifications

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Commander George Aguilar, (661) 250-9366, or Past Commander Marty Chalupa, (818) 591-1024.

### Veteran's Vote 2000

There are over 25 million American military veterans and more than 2 million Active Duty, National Guard, and reserve members. Your vote is important. To find out what the leading candidates have to say about important issues, log on to [www.mylegion.com](http://www.mylegion.com).

### National Convention

This year, the American Legion National Convention was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from Monday, September 4th through Thursday, September 7th.

The following members of "Police Post" attended the convention:



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# DIVISIONAL REPORTER

## Devonshire

## Dateline

by Officers Amanda Chapin and  
Fred Cueto  
Devonshire Division

### The Right Place at the Right Time

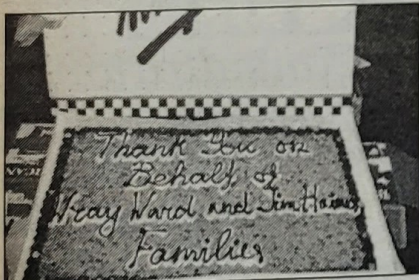
While working Van Nuys Division on loan, Officers **James Leone** #35130, and **Rich Moakley**, #34292, were on patrol when information on a "critical missing" was broadcast. The information stated that the family in Chicago was trying to locate the missing person. The family had lost contact with the M/P six months prior and they believed he might be living on the streets. As the information was being broadcast, the Officers Leone and Moakley observed a male who matched the M/P's description sitting on a bus bench. They made contact and confirmed the male on the bus bench was the M/P. The officers transported the M/P back to Van Nuys Community Police Station, where they were able to contact the family in Chicago and help secure a bus ticket home for him. Good job!

### Significant Arrests

On Friday, Sept. 22, 2000, at 0930 hours, the Devonshire CLEAR Enforcement Team, under the supervision of Lt. **Joseph Eddy**, #20198, and Det. III **Mike Oppelt**, #23158, responded to a location in Foothill Div. armed with a murder arrest warrant for a named suspect. The primary suspect named on a gang drive-by shooting that occurred at 8407 Cedros Ave. in April. The suspect was arrested without incident. Additionally, CLEAR officers recovered a handgun that was possibly used in the murder. The weapon was booked and is pending "ballistic testing" by Scientific Investigation Division.

### Commendation

On Sept. 16, Officer **Pedro Cabunoc**, #35421, and his partner, Officer **Gregory Cottrell**, #25315, responded to an "ambulance death investigation." The officers conducted an unknown death investigation and made all the proper notifications at scene. The PR listed on the death investigation report responded to Devonshire Community Police Station in order to



Commendation for officers Cabunoc #35421 and Cottrell #25315.

thank the officers for assisting them at the time of their crisis.

The PR and his sister both expressed their gratitude for the service that was provided to them by the officers, during a very difficult and emotional situation. In their words, they described the offi-

cers as kind, wonderful, and supportive during the whole entire ordeal. The PR and his sister brought the officers a very large cookie, stating their appreciation in writing on the cookie.

Officer Gregory Cottrell and Officer Pedro Cabunoc are to be commended for their attention to duty and compassion demonstrated at the scene of a death investigation. Great job!

### Excellent Job!

Just a little note to say "thanks" to everybody for working so very hard during the Democratic National Convention.

Operations Valley Bureau, Mobile Field Force (2) pictured below taking time out during the Democratic National Convention for a Kodak moment. **Mike Braun**, #27025, **Mike Gutilla**, #32456, **Ken Bryant**, #33900, **Richard Larimer**, #32000, and **Jason O'Brien**, #32790.

Seen downtown during the Democratic National Convention, Officer **Randy Ryals**, #33101, with a sign on the back of his ballistic helmet



Kenneth Bryant, Richard Larimer, and Jason O'Brien.



Mike Braun and Michael Gutilla.

that said, "If found, please return this Officer to Devonshire Division."

### Morale Booster

On September 7th, PM Watch Supervisor Sgt. **Steve Savala**, #24823, surprised his troops with an "Carne asada fiesta." Officers **Janine Green**, #30393, and **Adrian Torres**, #31467, helped serve the food to the hungry men and women of watch three. YUM! YUM!

### Injured in the Line of Duty

Officer **Amby Owens**, #21773 (elbow surgery), Officer **Dario Del Core**, #27286 (fell through a roof during a 459 call), Officer **Art Antonio**, #33892 (jumped out of a police car before it came to a complete stop), and Officer **Marty Zehnter**, #20754 (fell off a semi-truck while conducting an impound report). Hope all of you feel better very soon!

### Special Note

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Officer **Jeff Branson**, #32344 (Juvenile Detectives) and his family. Officer Branson suffered a brain aneurysm on Sept. 27th. Here's to a speedy and full recovery!

### Tickets

Can you believe it! It is that time again--"party time." The Devonshire Community Police Station Christmas

party will be December 8th at the Van Nuys Airtel at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are limited so see your Watch Commander for details.

### Welcome Back

Officer **Mike Judge**, #27699, Officer **Isaac Galvan**, #23547, **William Lantz**, #33251, and Officer **Ernie Jimenez**, #24921, are back working with us. Glad to have all of you back at Devonshire.

### Babies

Congratulations to Officer **Aaron Olsen**, #32976, and his wife, Kim. They are proud parents of a baby boy, **Brandon Joshua Olson**, born on Aug. 15, 2000 at 2:55 p.m., 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

### Retirements

Officer **Craig Ledsworth**, #21531, retired on Sept. 25th. Enjoy your retirement!

Sgt. **Joseph Writer's** retirement party will be Dec. 7th at the Les Freres French Restaurant, 1911 Sunset Blvd. Tickets are available for \$25 through Officer **Chapin** (CPAB) or Sgt. **Rosenburg** of Northeast Div., (213) 485-2548.

### Hellos and Goodbyes

Warm welcomes to Det. I **Christopher McKinny**, #27322, Sgt. I **James Leiphard**, #20053, Det. I **Charles Dempsey**, #30036, P-2 **Ernest**

**Fisco**, #35212, P-2 **Tyson Walch**, #35246, P-2 **Stacy Kuntz**, #35092, P-2 **Lance Dyer**, #35258, P-2 **Mathew Clymer**, #35206, P-2 **Lawrence Case**, #35255, P-2 **Jesse Aragon**, #35189, P-2 **Thomas Case**, #35198, P-2 **Mitchell Riggs**, #35174, P-2 **Fernando Avila**, #31275.

Good luck to Officer **Pat Cronin**, #24041, on his promotion to Sgt. I. His new home will be Van Nuys Division.

Good luck to Officer **Kathleen Ryan**, #23940, on her promotion to Det. I. Her new home will be Rampart Division.

Good luck to Officer **Elbert Smith**, #26606, on his promotion to Det. I. His new home will be West Valley Division.

Over the hill but never forgotten is Sgt. I **Philander Butler**, #24034. His is making his new home at West L.A. Division.

Moving out, but never forgotten is Officer **Fernando Munoz**, #32112. He went to Narcotics. Officer **Felipe Benavidez**, #32152, moving to Foothill Division. Officer **Ranon Samuels**, #34363, and **Debbie Myers**, #34498, are both at Hollywood Division. FUN! FUN! Officer **Peter Paramo**, #32586, is settling in at Northeast Division. Officer **Raymond Corrales**, #35206, to Rampart Division, and Officer **Saul Paredes**, #35275, to Wilshire Division. Good luck to all and remember Devonshire will always be home. ❖

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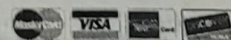
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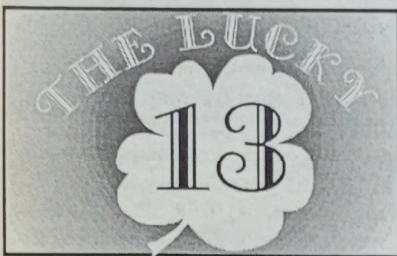


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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Jeff Churchill  
Newton Division

### Commendable Capers

Officers **Mike Contreras** and **John Knighton**, assigned to Newton's CLEAR Unit, responded to Ross Snyder Park after receiving a fresh complaint, oops bad choice of words, of gang graffiti. Within minutes they arrested a known 38th Street Gang member for vandalizing a wall at Ross Snyder Park with gang graffiti.

Both Officers Contreras and Knighton were aware of a newly enacted anti-gang law (186.22(d)PC) which is part of proposition 21, paying particular attention when they gathered their evidence. Including photographs, using a digital camera, of the graffiti

and of the gang members' hands. Unfortunately for the gang member, our CLEAR Unit earlier in the year had arrested him twice before for graffiti and was awaiting sentencing.

Because of Officer Contreras' and Officer Knighton's meticulous efforts, the gang member was the first to be convicted of a felony in the state for graffiti. Officers Contreras and Knighton were commended by the Assistant City Attorney Martin Vranicar, Supervisor, Gang Unit.

Nice job, guys!

### DNC



Sergeant II Ted Spicer at Newton's DNC tour map.

envelope containing old Daily Training Bulletins. I found them to be very unique and have included one for your reading pleasure. Think back to what it would have been like 50 years ago.

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### HOW TO CONTROL CIVIL DISTURBANCES SQUAD FORMATIONS - II

The Police squad detailed to control a civil disturbance is very like a group of football players. Working as individuals, the "players" are neither able to make any "yardage" nor to "hold the line." But, functioning as a smooth, well-disciplined football team, a trained civil disturbance squad is able to "hold the line" or "score" against a considerably larger group of persons.

#### FORMATION OF SKIRMISHER LINE

The term "skirmishers" comes from military usage. In police terminology, it is applied to the formation of officers which provides a holding force against



Our "B" watch Command Post Team taking a brief moment to pose during their wild schedule.



Some of "B" watch patrol and OSD "B" watch station security waiting anxiously for "A" watch.

### Congrats

A big congratulations goes to Cathy Reyes for being promoted to P3 at Wilshire Div. and to Steve Wynn who tossed his sergeant badge and pinned on

a detective badge. But for now he will hang out up in OSD.

### Ins and Outs

Welcome back Sgt. **Dan Putz** (p/u/t/s) coming from Southeast to run our Special Enforcement Unit. Officer **Dona Adolphi** coming back from OCB. And welcome to Newton Area Officer **Gerald Harden** from Southeast (he has some big shoes to fill), Sgt. **S. Kroger** from Pacific, Officer **Gregozek** from Harbor and Officer **J. Calzadillas** from Southwest.

A big see ya to Det. **John Roeda** leaving us for DHD (Leary Unit), Officer **Becerra** heading for Training Div., Officer **Linn** jumping over to 77th Division and to Officer **Thieschafer** also running to 77th Division.

And then farewell to Officer **Nate Ellis** who left us and the Department all together. He picked up a spot at Whittier Police Department. Congratulations Nate and good luck.

### New Future Newtonites

Congratulations goes out to Officer **Shawn Wehr's** wife, Susan, for giving birth to Noah Robert Wehr. He was born on Sept. 10, 2000, weighing in at 8 pounds, 11 ounces at a height of 21 inches.



by Mary Dacey  
West Los Angeles Division

While going through some of my father's papers, I happened upon an



A flash from the past... Ed Dias, Dave Ybarra, Pete "Weasel" Malaznik.

the forward movement of a crowd or is sometimes used to move the crowd itself.

The verbal command for this formation is, "As skirmishers--forward." The corresponding arm signal by the squad leader consists of extending both the arms horizontal to the sides, level with the shoulders. Immediately upon receiving the command, each officer should take his position according to his numbered assignment.

#### FROM SINGLE FILE

From the single file formation, officers should move into the "ask skirmishers" formation in the following manner: The odd-numbered men should form a line in numerical order to the left and abreast of the squad leader with number seven man in the position farthest to the left; the even-numbered men should take corresponding positions to the right of the squad leader, with number eight man in the position farthest to the right; the number nine and number ten men should take positions directly behind the line, number nine to the left and number ten to the right. When the formation is complete, the sergeant should move behind the

center of the line. In this position, he can observe and verbally direct the members of the squad.

When the squad has been properly formed, it will resemble the formation used by a football team, with a seven-man line, two line backers, and a full-back. Such a formation presents a formidable barrier to any attempted forward movement of a mob.

#### FROM A COLUMN OF TWOS

When forming a skirmish line from a column of twos, the officers in the left side of the column should move up to the left, abreast of the squad leader, and the men of the right file to a corresponding position on his right, while numbers nine and ten and the squad leader should take their places in the rear.

(Prepared from material submitted by Inspector **J. B. Miller**, Comdr., Patrol Area No. 1; Lt. **James L. Western**, Comdr., Metropolitan Division; Lt. **Rudolph A. Wellpott**, Harbor Div.; Lt. **Thomas Reddin**, and Sgt. **Charles V. Cavanaugh**, Training Div.; Sgt. **Merrill V. Duncan**, Administrative Vice; and Sgt. **Donald R. Sheriff**, Metropolitan Div.)



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# Pacific Breeze

by Cheri Roberts  
Pacific Division

## 23rd Annual Charity Golf Classic

On Sept. 25, 2000, the 23rd annual Charity Golf Classic, put on by Pacific Area Boosters Association, was held at Brookside Golf Course in Pasadena. The event is held to raise money for the DAPS and Explorer youth programs



L to R: Lt. Steve Nielsen, Lt. Blake Chow, Sgt. Greg Glodery, and Captain Gary Williams at the Charity Golf Tournament.



L to R: Sgt. Hallford, Officer Reyes, Officer Thusing, and Skinner at the Charity Golf Tournament.

here at Pacific Area. There were approximately 120 golfers at this year's event, making it one of the most successful tournaments ever. Thank you to everyone involved in helping with the planning and logistics for the event. We look forward to making next year's tournament even bigger!

### MADLA

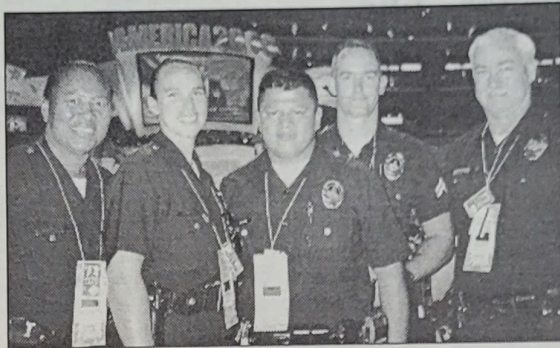
We want to thank everyone who has participated in the Make A Difference, L.A. Campaign by donating to our book drive. The drive went well, but we can always use more books. If you still have books to donate, please contact Pacific Area Community Relations Unit at (310) 202-4525.

### Medal of Valor Awards

On Sept. 6, 2000, the 41st Annual Medal of Valor Awards luncheon was held at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel. Playa Vista sponsored a table for Pacific Area, which included Capt. Gary Williams, Capt. Bill Williams, Lts. Hart, Chow and Nathan, and Officer Eric McDaniel. This year there were ten Medal of Valor recipients, three from Pacific Area. Officers Francisco Dominguez, Peter McCoy and Jason Thompson all received the

award for "showing bravery in protecting the area's citizenry during the gun battle" with two homicide suspects. Officer Dominguez and his partner, Brian Brown, observed the suspect just after the suspects had shot and killed someone. The officers took pursuit, at which time the suspect driver lost control and crashed the vehicle. The passenger opened fire on the officers, fatally wounding Brian Brown. Officers McCoy and Thompson returned fire, resulting in the passenger suspect's death. The driver, who stole a taxicab, was captured and taken into custody after an additional pursuit. All officers involved showed strength of mind and disregard for their own safety during this incident, which will be forever remembered in our hearts and minds. (As will Brian.) Congratulations

that I appreciate each and every thing you've done, great and small. You guys are the greatest! As for me, I am continuing to heal and keeping my best foot forward (Ha! Ha!). I won't be entering any "pretty legs" contests, but I will survive. I have become so stir-crazy at home, I'm now a blonde. I've always heard that they have more fun . . . so far it hasn't helped. However, I will continue to strive to get better. It has been a slow and very painful recovery. I still have a very long way to go, so continue to keep me in your prayers, and keep my phone ringing! Keep the streets safe, as well as yourselves! Sincerely, "H."



L to R: Officers Rayney Arnold, Michelle Eskridge, Garcia, Herskowitz, and Sgt. Cummings inside the Staples Center at the Democratic National Convention.

### New Arrival

Congratulations goes out to Pacific Area Records Clerk Bertha Calderon and husband Luis on the birth of their baby boy on Aug. 22, 2000. Little "Cesar Calderon" came into the world at 1:59 p.m., weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 18 inches long. Best

wishes to the new parents. May Cesar's life be filled with love, happiness and joy!

### Movin' In

We want to welcome the following people who recently transferred into Pacific Area: Lt. Mossler in from WLA, Officer Loomis in from WIL, Officer Cazares in from HARB, Officer Crafton in from SE, and MA2 Stamps in from PC.

### Movin' Up

Congratulations to Sgt. Sharon Kroeger (NEWT), Pacific Area Senior Lead Officer Anthony Vasquez and P3 Officer Onthank (WIL) who were all recently promoted. Best of luck!

### Movin' Out

We say goodbye to the following people who recently left Pacific: Sgt. Slater who went to DEV, Officers Cartwright and Robinson who both went to 77th, Officers Johnson and Mkrchyan who both went to SW, and Officer Tango who went to WTD.

### Holidaze Craze

Here's wishing you all a very happy Thanksgiving! Don't forget Christmas and Hanukkah are right around the corner . . . so get your shopping done early!

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## Because Your Life May Depend On It ...

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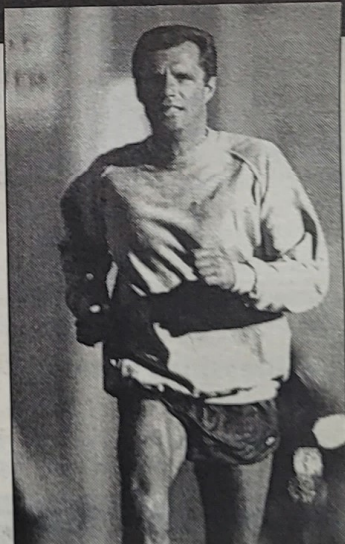
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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Cathy Hardy  
Metropolitan Division

Greetings from the lake. Happy birthday to the Marine Corps. Thank you and heartfelt wishes for a great day of remembrance to all Veterans. On behalf of the Metro family, our sincere condolences to family of Officer **Robert Mata**.

### Incoming

Welcome to 114. **Guy Dobine** (C), **Ernesto DeAlba** (B), **Jay Nam** (B), **Eric Rogers** (C), and **Mark Castillo** (A). Rogers, I see you didn't have to travel far with this transfer/promotion. Just give up the boots and walk across the hall. I was also asked to advise you for future reference there is a supply of Brasso inside the second drawer down on the left of the Subpoena control desk. Also making the transfer in was Capt. **Rich Roupoli**, our new R-Commander. Roupoli replaces Capt. **Rodger Coombs** who retired after 30 years of service to the City of Angels. Capt.

Coombs returned to 114 as R-Commander in October, 1996. Congratulations to you and Kathy and best wishes on your retirement. Wishing another congratulatory salute to retired Deputy Chief **Rick Dinse** and his wife, Yvonne. Chief Dinse has retired after 34 years of exemplary service to our department. The former Chief was a strong supporter of the Metro mission. May I extend a special thank you to you and Mrs. Dinse for your outstanding support role the past few years of our Baker to Vegas teams, especially our two back-to-back championship victories.

### Outgoing

So long to a well known Metro figure, Jooooooooooooo, as in **Joseph**, former C-team to D-team back to C-team to MOS, now Sgt. I Wilshire Community Police Station, **Martinez**. Joe came to Metro way back in the 20th century, late '80s. Metro's loss is definitely a gain to the patrol side. Congratulations, Joe, and best wishes for a successful tour in the supervisor spot. Also making a bid for supervisor school is Officer **Sanfillippo** who moves on to a Sgt. I position in WLA with almost the shortest stint in Metro. We were just learning to pronounce your name correctly! Congratulations. One more! Congratulations to the former 60B, **Michelle Veenstra**, on her promotion to Lt. rank. The former boy

platoon squad leader is moving on to 77th Street.

### Star Appointments

You're gone for a few DPs and just about anybody can get a star! Just kidding! Congratulations to my buddy, **Gustavo Chacon**, of Charlie platoon on his appointment to assistant squad leader, AKA plus one. It was very nice of you to call and invite me to the celebration. Although, due to my current status, I was not able to attend, it's always the thought that counts.

### Get Well Wishes

Wishing a speedy recovery to **Al Neal**, **Gus Ramirez**, and **Paulie "Brat" Seban**. FYI, Gus, if you contact LAPD's photographer to the stars, **Dennis Zine**, at the League, I'm sure he will be happy to supply you with 8x10 or larger size of your Blue Line photo from the DNC spread.

### Just One Television Viewer's Opinion

Although it's old news now, I'd just like to touch on the DNC a bit. I just have to say it was an absolutely wonderful experience to capture one of our shining moments on national television. What a Kodak moment! I was exceptionally proud to witness, along with the rest of the world, my division demonstrating our always professional and exceptionally capable posture. **Dale**, I see you are back in action again and **Mike** I want you to know you look exactly the same on television! Capt. **R-10 David**, I mean Commander 12B, it was nice to see you out there with the

troops. **J-Bone**, **Andy P.**! We should send Seattle a video! That was crowd control.

### Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch

I would like to seize this opportunity for a personal note. On Sept. 20, I lost a humongous chunk of my heart, my best buddy, **Shadow**, to cancer. He was only 3-1/2 years old. First, I cannot thank enough **K9-7**, **Mark Tico**, the person responsible for bringing my Shadow into my life. In addition to providing me with my four little feet of pure joy, **Mark**, his wife, **Teresa**, and son, **Michael**, took care of my Shadow at their home last year for approximately five weeks while I battled through an ugly custody battle for my nephew, **Jarrett**. Additionally, **Brian O'Hara**, **Rich Nagatoshi**, former handlers, **Kerell Broussard**, **John Hall** and **Jay Moberly** were always on hand to supply their vast wealth of knowledge of the K9 set or their assistance. **McGyver**, you especially are a true angel sent from heaven. (Despite what Jay says!) **Curtis Lawson** and **Paulie "Brat" Seban**, your never-ending thoughtfulness in regards to my Shadow will never be forgotten. Thank you. To the "girls" of G-platoon, **Mary**, **Nancy**, and **Shannon**, my deep appreciation to all of you for thinking of me during this horribly sad turn of events. Your thoughtfulness especially touched my heart.

Until next time, I hope you dance...  
Happy Thanksgiving. R10-girl, clear.



by Maria C. Marquez  
77th Street Division

### The Tradition Continues

On September 13, 2000, the roof to our parking structure was taken over with a sea of blue. Chief Parks was quoted as saying that this was the hottest day in L.A., but we managed to stand tall and proud. Chief **LaChasse**, Comm. **Gray** along with various members of the Community inspected the Division with Chief **Parks**. They were very proud of the Division and commended us for our appearance.

### Angel Blessings From Above

P3+1 Officer **Juan Cruz** and his wife **Lisa** recently adopted two baby



The Cruz crew: Elizabeth (5 yrs.), Eric (10 yrs.), Michael (3 yrs.) and Gabriella and Christopher (4 months).

twins (four months old) who had no mother or father. As foster parents they have been there for many children. And although they have three children of their own, when they had Gabriella and Christopher placed into their home, something/someone told them that these babies needed to be a part of their

family on a permanent basis. These babies needed to experience this unconditional love that Juan and Lisa give their family everyday. Congratulations to the Cruz family for opening your hearts and home to two very special children. When you made them a part of your family, you brought them to us as well. Thank you for sharing your gift!

And speaking of gifts... Officer **Andrew Paredes** and his wife **Josie** were indeed blessed with Master **Jared Andrew Paredes** on July 5th. Andrew may have been born one day after



Jared Andrew Paredes... quite possibly the new master of the Paredes house.

Independence Day, but from looking at this darling photo of this baby, he is indeed independent, and with his daddy's characteristics he is no doubt telling all of us, "bring it on!" Congratulations to the Paredes familia!

### Athlete of the Month

Officer **Cornel Sandoz** and Officer **Michael O'Shea** are this month's athletes of the month. Congratulations guys! Both Officers are dedicated weightlifters and an integral part of the Divisional Bench Press Team. Your dedication to your competitive sport makes us all very proud. Good luck to you at our upcoming weightlifting contest. It is because of dedicated individuals like yourself that give us the confidence to say: "The 77th Street Power Pigs" will continue to reign.

### A Community Well Served

On September 3rd, PIII **Theo Edwards** and his probationary Officer **Suarez** responded to a 459 call at 6014



Some of the 77th Street Bench Press Competitors after win #9: **M. Arai**, **P. Fitzgerald**, **D. Arrona**, **E. Hernandez**, **M. Chang**, **C. Lloyd**, **C. Valdez**, Lieutenant **Paul Von Lutzow**, **R. Gaylord**, **C. Howard**, **M. Marquez**, **J. Reyes**, **M. Mcleod**, **R. Cofield**, **M. Batts**, **J. Radtke**, **A. Paredes**, **R. Gordon**.

**S. 3rd Avenue**. The officers met with the victim, who verified that she had been burglarized. She further advised them that her neighbor had vehicle and suspect information regarding the suspects. Armed with this information the officers completed a follow-up investigation in Southwest. Upon arrival at the location they observed the suspect's vehicle and some of the victim's property in the vehicle. As the officers approached the residence, four possible suspects exited. They were detained without incident. The female suspect attempted to convince the officers that they had just bought the victim's merchandise, but the neighbor's description of the suspects and the vehicle allowed the officers to book the female and her husband for burglary. With the D.A. filing burglary charges against the two of them, I suppose it goes without saying that Papa Bear is not going to let Mama Bear do the talking anymore...

On September 22nd, PIII Officer **Chris Van Horn** took probationary Officer **Audelo** to a location wherein he had received information that there were blatant narcotic sales. Officer **Van Horn** is a trained narcotics expert, and as a training officer saw a perfect opportunity to address a community concern while at the same time train a brand new officer on narcotic investigations. An observation post was estab-

lished and numerous hand-to-hand sales were observed. The interrogating of a solicitor who had just made a purchase, allowed the officers to detain numerous suspects involved in this illegal activity. Once the suspects were detained and the evidence recovered, a member of the community confirmed that one of the suspects being booked for sales of narcotics was the major player for the narcotic problems in their neighborhood. It is a nice feeling to know that a community will take you into an investigation and then back up all of your efforts by acknowledging that you returned their neighborhood to a Community who is a part of our "Community-Police Team for Peace and Prosperity."

### With Love and Respect...

On September 21st a group of 77th Street officers attended Harbor Division's morning watch roll call a few days after the tragic accident which took Officer **Robert Mata**'s life. As a sister division in South Bureau, we felt the need to provide the presence of support.

We knew that the Morning Watch had been on scene as well as his Gang Unit Detail. We contacted the supervisors of these entities and advised them of our intentions. Lt. **Rich Gammell** graciously invited us into his roll call. Sgt. **Richard Plows** of the Harbor Gang Detail was appreciative, and advised us that he would be there as well with his officers.

Officer **Al Franco** (classmate) read to the roll call, a card which had been personalized for Harbor Division and the Mata family. Officer **Chela Landau** (classmate) presented flowers from 77th Street, and a basket of "angel chocolates" were left for the officers because a young child felt that Harbor Division needed some angels now.

I close with a simple thought--We should not look for reasons, instead look for peace. There will never be enough reasons to accept this loss of our Brother. Trust in God's love for you, and there you will find peace. God bless us all!



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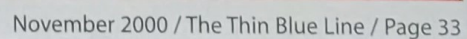


# IN MEMORY OF RO





photos by Dennis P. Zine





## Police Officer Robert Joe Mata

Robert Joe Mata was born on October 10, 1973, in Los Angeles, California. He graduated from Etiwanda High School in June of 1991. In November of 1992 he enlisted in the United States Navy, serving on the destroyer U.S.S. Fletcher (DD-992). In his service to our country, Robert was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (First Award), and the Southwest Asia Service Medal. The latter medal awarded to those naval personnel who patrolled the area near Iraq, in the months after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

Upon his discharge from the Navy, Robert settled in Hawaii, where he met and married his wife, Holly. Homesick for Los Angeles, Robert and Holly moved to Whittier, California. Holly and Robert had two daughters, five-year-old Kaleikauaka ("Kalei," whose name translates from Hawaiian as "Beloved child, looked on with love and pride") and two-year-old Pilani ("Climb to heaven").

Robert entered the Los Angeles Police Academy on January 22, 1996. He served his probationary time in Newton Area, where one daily rating complimented his handling of a 15-year-old potential runaway. Robert convinced the troubled teen to stay home and seek help to work through his troubles with his parent. Passing his probation, he moved on to Southeast Area. Robert's final division of assignment was Harbor Area, where he was assigned the Specialized Enforcement (Anti-gang) Unit.

Holly Mata wanted to share a few comments about Robert's devotion to his work. One is that after an injury in 1999, Robert delayed a needed

surgery so that he could be on the streets on New Year's Eve for the year 2000. When he finally had his surgery in the spring, Robert worked at healing up, not wanting to miss working the streets during the Democratic National Convention deployment.

Holly also went on to describe Robert as an officer to whom wanted gang members would often surrender or advise him that they were armed when he approached them in a field contact, ultimately resulting in their arrest. Many gang members respected him for his fair dealings with them.

The day before he died, Robert Mata was able to see his wife, Holly, work her first day as a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy, assigned to the Twin Towers Jail. He was there, too, to celebrate his daughter Kalei's fifth birthday.

A funeral mass was held for Officer Mata in Hacienda Heights at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church on Monday, September 25, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. The graveside ceremony with police honors took place afterwards at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier.

A trust fund has been established for Officer Mata's children. Donations may be sent to: The Robert Mata Blue Ribbon Trust, c/o Harbor Area Police Station, 2175 South John S. Gibson Blvd., San Pedro, CA 90731. Donations to the Blue Ribbon Trust are not tax-deductible.

Tax-deductible donations in the name of Robert Mata may be made to: The Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation, 1880 North Academy Road, Los Angeles, CA 90012.



### Bob Mata Enrolled On California Memorial

Officer Robert Joe Mata (Harbor Division) has been enrolled in the California Peace Officer's Memorial (CPOMF) and will be inscribed on the Memorial at the State Capitol. Bobby Joe Mata died on September 19, 2000, as the result of injuries sustained in a traffic collision which occurred as he was responding to assist another officer.

Officer Mata was nominated for enrollment and inscription by CPOMF Board Member Ted Hunt (President of the L.A. Police Protective League). The motion was seconded by CPOMF Board Member Pete Brodie (Vice-President of ALADS - the union that represents L.A. Sheriff's Deputies). The motion passed unanimously. Officer Mata's wife is a L.A. Deputy Sheriff.

The formal observance and Memorial Ceremony will be held on May 4, 2001, in Sacramento at the Memorial which is located at 10th Street and Capitol Mall, in front of the State Capitol. Ted Hunt will be the family facilitator for the family of Metro Officer Louis Villalobos, who died in a training accident on March 18, 2000, and Tim Sands will be the family facilitator for Harbor Officer Bob Mata's family.

### In Memory of Robert Joe Mata

#### Born:

October 10, 1973  
Los Angeles, California

#### Passed Away:

September 19, 2000  
Torrance, California

#### Services Held at:

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church  
1835 Larkvane Road  
Rowland Heights, California  
September 24, 2000 at 8:00 p.m.  
September 25, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.

#### Officiating:

Deacon Steven Hillmann  
Monsignor Michael Killeen

#### Interment:

Rose Hills Memorial Park  
Services Conclude at Graveside

THE LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow  
me all the days of my life:  
And I will dwell in the house  
of the Lord forever.

-Psalm 23-

### Empty Soul

by Officer Rivera  
Dedicated to all the families  
who have lost a loved  
one in the line of duty.

My eyes are open, but yet I don't see . . . I dream of things and how they should be. A world of darkness is all I know, never quite knowing what will show. For my eyes are open and plain to see, but yet you look inside of them and see only me. An individual calm and yet so true, and even though I can't see, I see you. For a dream is simple and yet so strong, it is something that carries you on and on. From one day to the next, through tragedy, sometimes a dream is all you need. For we see with our eyes and not our mind, and all you need is some kind of sign . . . from the darkness of light you

seem to see, always someone else's tragedy. Many deaths I have known. Many sights I've been shown. My eyes are blind to everything near me, but still I continue to see in my dreams. Hope and wonder that someday the tragedies will just go away. Many dreams I have had, and yes it is safe to say, some were bad. I hope and pray that someday the bad dreams will go away. Seeing the children of partners and friends, I sometimes wonder when will it end. So you close your eyes for all to see and think and pray for nothing but good things. And when you awake and your eyes are a glare, you dream of things that are not quite there. You search and wonder through your soul and just dream away all your woes. Hope and wonder in your dreams, it never happened it only seemed . . .

September 20, 2000

To the Women and Men of Harbor Area:

I cannot express to you the profound sense of loss that I felt upon hearing of the death of Officer Mata. I mourn with you at his tragic and untimely passing.

Having been both a previous Patrol and Area Captain at Harbor Area, I have a special place in my heart for those assigned to the division that I retired from. While I did not personally know Officer Mata, he was a fellow Brother in Blue. He put on the same blue uniform that you and I did; he wore the same badge that you and I did; and he served the same people of the City of Los Angeles that you and I did. And, while we all on the Los Angeles Police Department are willing to place our lives on the line To Protect and To Serve, Officer Mata lost his in pursuit of justice. Los Angeles, as large as it is, seems so small now that a brother officer has been taken away.

I will keep all of you in my prayers; Officer Mata will always be there looking over you. He paid the ultimate price for the ultimate promotion; he is now on eternal patrol, with his God, protecting and serving us all!

I thank you all for always being there!

Respectfully,  
Timothy L. King, Mayor  
City of Lomita



## DIVISIONAL REPORTER

### 1 Northeast Corner

by Lauro V. Montes  
Northeast Division

On Saturday, Sept. 16, approximately three hundred of Northeast's finest and their families gathered at the academy picnic grounds. A retirement party? No. A promotional party? No. Government cheese giveaway? No. A picnic to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Northeast Division? Yes, and that's my final answer. Everyone enjoyed perfect weather, great food, and plenty of ice cold beer. The young ones were treated to a moonbounce, a pinata, snow cones, and the swimming pool. The dunk tank was a crowd favorite, especially when Capt. Meraz and Lt. Sanchez were sitting on the hot seat. The music was provided by Northeast's very own Jose Olmedo.

The picnic committee members did an outstanding job of coordinating this event. The committee members are: Art Sandoval, Stan Sokolis, Paul Williams, Mike Gilbert, Mike Jinks, Harold Marinelli, Reggie McCool, Ray Rangel, Salli Jo Doud, Loretta Washington, Joanne Walsh, and Deborah Rubio.

Chris Cooper, Ray Rangel, Paul Williams, Kevin Heady, Mark Allen, Mike Gilbert, and Sonia Grace were responsible for the preparation and cooking of all the food.

A big reason for the success of this year's picnic is because of the following individuals and businesses: Ernie Jensen of Costco, Rick Capps of Perrier Group of America (Arrowhead water), Blanca of Royal Catering, Viktoria Ananikian of Hansens, Craig Arpon of Borg Produce, Dale of Sport Fun, Paul Romo of TNT Produce, and S&W Vending Services, Zacky Farms, Pioneer Market, L.A. Morenita and ATS Tow.

A special thanks to Mary Jinks, Sarah Novak, Officer Mark Horton (DARE), Officer Robert Vann (ASD), Central Traffic Division, Narcotics Division, and the Los Angeles Fire Department.

#### Officers of the Quarter

Frank Martinez, #33258, and Rex Wells, #33296.

#### Bouncing Bundle of Joy

Congratulations to Steve & Christine Hahm on the recent birth of their first child. Keona Catherine was born on 9/2/00 at 0348 hours, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 21 inches in length.

#### Gone Too Soon

Our condolences to the family of Harbor Division Officer Robert Mata who was recently involved in a fatal on-duty traffic collision. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

#### Joe Who?

Mark your calendar for Thursday, December 7th. Sgt. Joe Writer, #17250, will be having his retirement party at the Taix Restaurant located at 1911 W. Sunset Blvd. (C-Retirement flyer in the rear of the Blue Line.)

#### Promotions

Congratulations to the following personnel on their recent promotions: Det. Robert Lewis, #17566, to Det.-2 (WLA), Det. Rick Ortiz, #22862, to Det.-2 (NE), Det. Veronica Montoya, #26755, to Det.-2 (remains), and Officer Dave Krempa, #27860, to P-3 (remains). Best of luck to all of you on your new assignments.

#### Adios

Goodbye and good luck to the following personnel: Det. William Longacre, #20789, to BAD, Officer Kevin Gruner, #32387 to HARB, Officer Steve Conner, #32742, to WVAL, Officer Lance Dyer, #35258, to DEV, Officer Sam Park, #35234, to TRD, Officer Yasir Gillani, #35215, to WLA, Officer Joshua Kim, #35266, to WTD, Officer Ryan Smith, #35243, to WTD, and PSR Joe Pinuelas, #C9281 to HOBK.

#### Bienvenidos

Welcome to the following incoming personnel to their new home away from home. Det. Abdul-Rahman, #25823, from 77th, Det. James King, #30479, from HWD, Det. Theodore Jones, #26475, from RHD, Det. Allen, #31641, from WVAL, Officer Peter Paramo, #32586, from DEV, Officer Gonzalo Lara, #33894, from HWD, and Officer Rafael Lopez, #33996, from VNYS.

#### Officers of the Quarter

During the second quarter of the new year, no morning watch officers distinguished themselves more than Frank Martinez, #33258, and Rex Wells, #33296, aka Starsky and Hutch. These officers are not only inseparable, they are also classmates. While most of the city was sound asleep, both officers were diligently pursuing all

aspects of their law enforcement duties.

Officers Martinez, #33258, and Wells, #33296, were nightly deployed as a team because of their superior work ethic. During this three-month period, Frank and Rex were among the morning watch leaders in radio call response.

These officers were the watch leaders in a number of significant statistical categories. This dynamic duo made the most arrests during the quarter. No other officers could match their number of traffic citations, warrant checks, or field interviews. Officers Martinez and Wells were the leaders in terms of productivity across the board.

More than two years ago, a gruesome homicide occurred near the downtown area. For more than two years, the suspect had eluded capture, despite the extensive efforts of many detectives. Thanks to the efforts of Officers Martinez and Wells (who identified and arrested him subsequent to a traffic stop), a murderer was taken off the street.

Officers Martinez and Wells continue their dedication to hard-nosed police work. Frank and Rex also exhibit compassion, consideration, and concern for their fellow workers. Congratulations on your selection as Officers of the Quarter for the second quarter of 2000.

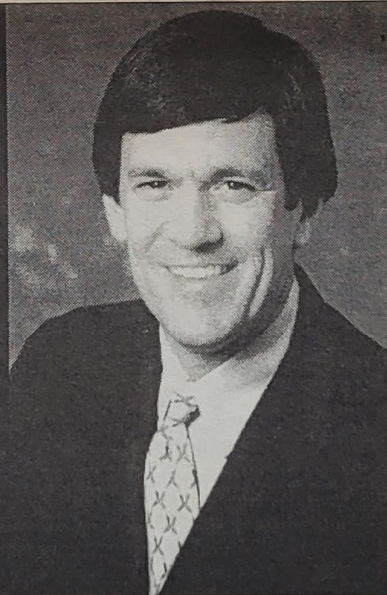
#### Happy Holiday

By the time you receive this issue, Thanksgiving will be three weeks away. On behalf of all Northeast personnel, we would like to wish all LAPD personnel and their families the best Thanksgiving Day ever. Please make it a safe one. That's all for now. Happy trails and c-ya next month.

More Divisional Reporter on next pages

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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER

# 18 SOUTHEAST

by Chuck Hicks  
Southeast Division

As many of you know, Officer **Mata** died in a traffic collision while responding to a back-up in Harbor Division. Officer Mata worked Southeast Division from '97 to '99. I got to know Mata in the Academy. We were classmates in the 1-96 class. Mata was always quick with a joke and always had a smile. Mata did his probation in Newton, wheeled to Southeast and eventually went to Harbor Division. Mata will be clearly missed.

I know it's been a couple of months but I have some DNC news I forgot to put in last month. I would like to wish Sgt. **Gardner**, Officer **Golden**, Officer **Vargas** and Officer **Vejar** a speedy recovery from their injuries. They were involved in a nasty T/C during the DNC. All are doing fine and recovering.

Southeast holiday party is coming up. If you have never been to one, they are a pretty good time. There are always good prizes and the food is pretty good

too. I don't have the date but I believe it will be the first part of December. I'm sure information will be passed soon. So get your tickets as early as possible.

We have had numerous perimeters set up lately with K-9 responding. K-9 has been very impressed with our perimeters and has commented on them. Many of these perimeters the suspect has been caught. This is from teamwork and officers knowing what needs to be done. So good job to all. It's all about teamwork.

Many officers have come up to me with concerns for Officer **McMahon** and Officer **Coughlin**. I cannot comment on their situation, but many of you



Danielle Kristine Bazan, daughter of Det. Jesse Bazan and Christina Bazan, born 03-30-00 seven pounds 11 oz's.

know what it is. I just want to let Officer **McMahon** and Officer **Coughlin** know that we support them and know they deserve the Medal of

Officer **Cornejo** to Narcotics Div. as a P.O. III, Officer **Montenano** to Rampart as a P.O. III, Officer **Martinez** to Wilshire as a P.O. III, Officer **Burke** and Officer **Garcia** to Communications,



Southeast women runners travel again. On September 14th, Sergeants Marcella Piersol, Kathy Meek, and Officers Maria Martinez, Glofia Vasquez, and Dalila Vizcarra adventured to the Colorado Rockies to compete in a 170-mile relay starting from Idaho Springs and ending in Glenwood Springs. The altitude in the Rockies ranged from 6,000 to 11,000 feet, which made this race particularly difficult even for those runners accustomed to less oxygen levels. These women completed the race in 27 hours and are already looking forward to their next adventure.

Valor. We hope one day they are recognized for their bravery.

### Comings and Goings

First we will start with who we are getting: Lt. II **Krejci** from 77th, P.O. II **Burcham** from Foothill, P.O. II **Clark**, P.O. II **Hatfield**, P.O. II **Kouri**, P.O. II **Deleon**, and P.O. II **Shear**. Now for who is leaving us: Sgt. **Putz** to Newton,

Officer **Lorenz** to Hollenbeck, Officer **Eynon** and Officer **Wills** to Narcotics div., Officer **Harden** to Newton, Officer **Crafton** to Pacific.

Well that is it for this month. I hope to have more in the coming months. Once again if you have any comments or suggestions, let me know. Well, be safe and keep on keeping on.

## North Hollywood News

by D.C.  
North Hollywood Division

### North Hollywood Picnic

On Saturday, August 27, 2000, at 1030 hours, the Divisional picnic was held at the San Buena Ventura State Beach. All who attended had a great time. As usual, the barbecue, which was overseen by the great chefs of our very own CRO, was delicious. Thanks to all who attended and helped organize the event. A special thanks to Sgt. **Haynes** and his bike unit who organized the events for the children and made sure they had an enjoyable time.



Officer John Marsden cooking up a storm.



One of the many events held for the kids.

### Community Partnership Luncheon

The 32nd annual Police Community Partnership Luncheon was held on Thursday, October 5, 2000, at the Sportsmen's Lodge. Congratulations to Officer **Forrest "Geno" Ferone**, #22433, who was North Hollywood's Officer of the Year and to Detective **Martin Pinner**, #27242, who was North Hollywood's Detective of the Year.

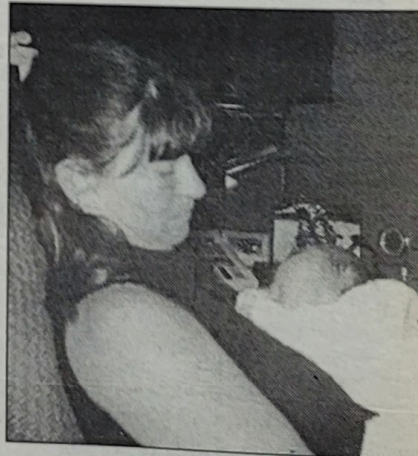
### Deliveries

Dawn Eck and Officer **Michael Eck** are proud parents of a beautiful daughter, **Delaney**, who arrived on September 4, 2000, weighing in at 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

Congratulations to Sgt. **Donna Watkins**, #25896, who gave birth to a healthy baby boy on July 8, 2000. Shane David weighed in at 7 pounds, 5 ounces and all are doing great.

Congratulations to Senior PSR **Joane Bryant**, who participated in the Avon Breast Cancer Walk from Oct. 6-8. The three day, 60-mile walk from Santa

Barbara to Malibu, is to raise breast cancer awareness and raise money for breast cancer research and treatment. This year, Joane raised over \$3,300 for



Dawn and Delaney sharing a quiet moment together.

the cause. This was an important event for Joane. In 1998, she walked as a participant, and this year she walks as a survivor. Great job, Joane!

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# RHD Divisional Dragnet

by Det. Tom Wich  
Robbery Homicide Division

## Commendable Incident

Homicide Specials Detectives **Michael Whelan** and **James Gollaz**, lead detectives for this month's commendable incident, provided the following:

On Saturday, May 27, 2000, at approximately 2040 hours, Albert L. Patton, 90 years of age, and his wife Edna M. Patton, 84 years of age, were discovered dead inside of their residence in Southwest Area. The victims had been bludgeoned and stabbed. Based on the circumstances surrounding their murder, detectives believed that the victims had either known the suspect(s) or that they had invited the suspect(s) into their residence. It appeared that the motive of the murder was robbery. Based on the preliminary investigation, Detectives Whelan and Gollaz focused their investigation on a family friend, Stevie Jackson. This information was given to Homicide

units throughout the area who in turn had briefed their respective uniform officers. One officer, Officer **Steve Nichols**, #33059, was informed that the suspect(s) involved may be also involved in narcotic activity. Nichols contacted RHD and obtained additional information. He advised that he is familiar with the "hang outs" of narcotic users/sellers and that he would check out the Wilshire Area motels for the suspect(s) and their vehicle.

On June 2nd, at approximately 1500 hours, Wilshire Area CRO Officer **Carlos Martin**, #33342, was driving a black and white when he observed what he believed to be a narcotics transaction between the female driver of a vehicle and a male ped. The male entered the passenger side after which the female drove the vehicle away at a high rate of speed. As Officer Martin followed the vehicle, the driver stopped, let the male out, then drove away at a high rate of speed. Officer Martin continued to follow the vehicle and broadcast his location as well as requested wants and warrants on the license. The vehicle returned to C-6 Charles, Armed and Dangerous. Officer Martin initiated a felony stop and stood by for back-up units. Officer Martin would soon learn that this driver, who was also the registered owner, was wanted for questioning concerning the murder. Officer Nichols, aware that Officer Martin had stopped the vehicle in question, responded to the traffic stop.

The driver, who had been taken into custody without incident, told both officers that her boyfriend, Stevie Jackson, was at the Relax Inn Motel in Wilshire Area. The officers then advised responding units of this information. Sgt. **I. H. Farjado**, #26375, along with Officers **J. Clay**, #31644, **D. Gersna**, #32941, **A. Gutierrez**, #33145, **D. Edwards**, #33134, **I. Sloan**, #31080, **R. Knuth**, #32095, **F. DeLaCerde**, #34579, and **J. Martinez**, #33045, responded to the motel. The officers formulated a plan to take this lowlife into custody safely and without incident if at all possible. The officers secured the area, approached the room and door knocked it. Wasn't Stevie Jackson surprised to see LAPD's finest standing there when he opened the door? The surprised murderer was taken into custody without incident.

The officers entered the location and began to clear the room when they came upon another ex-con that had recently been paroled. Officers Sloan and Edwards immediately recognized this beacon of society as the suspect who was responsible for numerous robberies throughout Wilshire Area. (Bet his victims were happy that this bad guy got an early out from jail?) This suspect would later show his true colors and not only confess to the robberies but also assist detective by cooperating with the 187 investigation as well as becoming a key witness for the District Attorney concerning the murder. RHD detectives served a search warrant on the motel room and recovered incriminating evidence linking Stevie Jackson to the murder.

On June 6th, ten days after the crime had been committed; RHD Detectives Whelan and Gollaz presented the case to Deputy District Attorney J. Dabney,

Major Crimes Division. DDA Dabney filed two counts of murder with special circumstances, and one count of robbery on this vermin, Stevie Jackson.

We at RHD commend the above mentioned Wilshire Area officers for their outstanding commitment to police work. The officers used sound tactics, outstanding observation skills, excellent interviewing techniques and good communications which resulted in the arrest of this multiple murder suspect, and his roommate, without incident, and no 1.28's that I'm aware of . . . GREAT JOB by all.

## Welcome Aboard

A big RHD welcome to Clerk Typist, and a brand new city employee, **Sandy Kenney**. She'll be working in the hub of the division just outside the captain's door.

## Promotions

Congratulations to new big city detective **D-I Ted Jones**, formerly assigned to our HITMAN unit, who will now be working with the fine detectives in Northeast Area. Good luck on your new assignment.

## Holiday Party

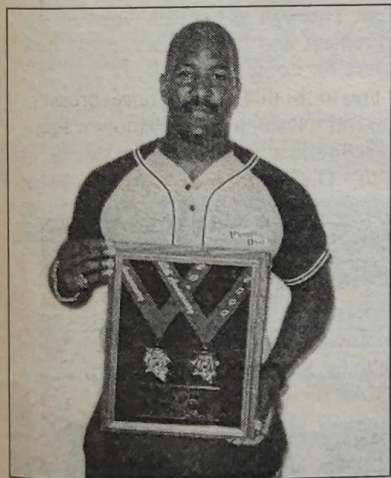
Well it's that time of year to break out those holiday ties. The X-mas party will be a whole new adventure this year. The entire 3rd floor, BAD, BFD, etc. will combine with RHD to host this year's party at the Bonaventure Hotel on Saturday, December 9th starting at 1830 hours. As of this article I'm not sure what the cost will be.

Another month down and only two more left in this millennium. Make sure to loosen those belt buckles on the 23rd. Until next time, BE SAFE. ❖

# VANNUYS Happenings

by Officer Gotham  
Van Nuys Division

Well, it seems that Officer **M. Baggesgard** saved the life of a kitten who was about to jump from the overpass of Hazeltine and the 101 Freeway. While en route back to the station, the lil guy barricades himself under the front seat of Marty's black and white. Marty tried to coach him out with food and water, but got nowhere. So at great peril, Sgt. **O'Brien** reached under the seat and grabbed the lil guy. After this bonding experience, she decided to



Officer Troy Collins double gold in the NV Olympics for wrestling.

keep him. Mom and kitten are home and recuperating. Hey, Marty, would you have stopped if it were a human?

Officer **T. Collins** shows off his double gold won for wrestling in the Nevada Olympic Games.

Officer **Crystal** (the pack rat) **Burke** was awarded Officer of the Year from the Van Nuys Rotary Club. Officer Burke is in charge of scheduling all the

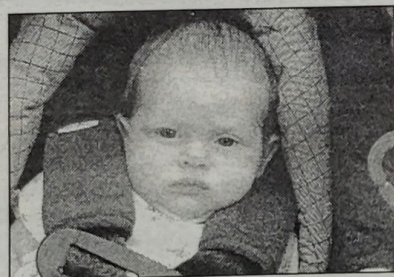


Officer Burke, Officer of the Year.

officers training, post requirements and a million other tasks. Congratulations, Crystal!

Baby news--congratulations to both sets of new parents. P3+1 **Pape**, his wife, Kim, and their 16-month-old daughter, Amanda, welcome Brian Edward Pape. He arrived on July 21, 2000, at 2234 hours and weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces. Mom and baby are doing fine, but dad has not been sleeping regularly!

MA II **Sandy Wallace** and her husband Jeff welcomed their first baby Alexandra Elizabeth Wallace. She arrived on 8/4/00 at 1304 hours and weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces. By now



Alexandra Elizabeth Wallace.

Sandy should be used to whining, what with working with detectives and all.

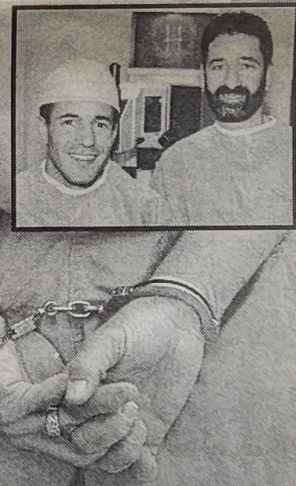
It's good to see Det.-2 **Roberta Moore** back at work after her surgery.

Well that's it for this month. I was on vacation last month and did not get much news.

Stay safe. ❖

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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER

### EODD Recruitment

by Officer John Collyer  
EODD Recruitment Section

The Recruitment Section of the Employee Opportunity and Employment Division has been extremely busy this year in actively recruiting qualified candidates to increase our department from its current level of 9,300 to 10,000 officers. This summer, our unit recruited heavily in Southern California. Some of the larger career fairs that we attended included the Camp Pendleton Career Fair in San Diego, 29 Palms Job Fair, Women's Career Day 2000 at the Ahmanson Recruit Training Center, Los Angeles Fire Department Recruitment Expo 2000 and the Mid-Summer Job Fair at the California

African-American Museum in Exposition Park. Other community events that we attended included the Orange County Fair, the 60th Annual Nisei Festival in Little Tokyo, the Van Nuys Airport Aviation Expo 2000 and the Los Angeles Triathlon.

As of the end of August, the Department lost an average of 54 officers a month due to attrition and retirement. The city has hired an average of 40 recruits a month this year. In Los Angeles, the Public Safety Employment Division has been administering the written test five days a week for over three years. Prior to 1997, the test was offered four days a week for the past 15 years. The pool of available candidates in Southern California has diminished dramatically. As history has shown us, during a strong economy with low unemployment, job seekers typically pursue other interests outside of careers in public safety. In order to go beyond replacing outgoing officers, we have expanded our recruitment efforts nationwide to increase the size of our hiring pool that will better enable us to achieve our hiring goals. Other large municipal police agencies are experiencing the same predicament and are

looking out of state for recruitment as well. Our efforts have been effective and we are continuing to look for new and innovative ways to recruit.

As colleges and universities resume session for the Fall, our out-of-state recruitment trips are once again in full swing. Officer **Kip Jackson**, along with Officers **Linda Peace**, **Phil Stine** and **Jessamyn Morales**, recruited and tested in Oakland, California, while Officer **Joe Torres** and Officers **Joe Ferreira**, **Rosa Torres** and **Allynn Simmons** concurrently recruited and tested in Louisiana. Their efforts attracted 142 interested candidates with 109 candidates passing at a rate of 77%. Locally in Los Angeles during this time frame, 86 candidates took the written test with 55 passing at a rate of 64%. The combined out of town testing netted us twice the amount of candidates than in Los Angeles. Our Fall, 2000, recruitment and testing schedule will include Ohio, Washington, Illinois, Texas, Minnesota and Massachusetts. We will additionally be scouting in Detroit, St. Louis and Milwaukee in the winter.

As you can see, we have our work cut out for us for the rest of the year. Yet, we are already planning ahead for the Spring of 2001. During our quarterly strategy meeting, we researched and explored viable canvassing locations to

recruit and test. When we looked for locations to recruit, there were a number of considerations that we took into account. We researched locations with high populations and diversity, checked states with higher than average unemployment rates and identified states where law enforcement jobs are not readily available due to strict residency requirements. We then conducted cost of living analyses on perspective locations as well as evaluating the quality of life in comparison to Southern California. We also evaluated the effectiveness of past test locations. Past experience has shown that areas with a high concentration of transient type populations such as military installations, colleges and universities are more eager and willing to relocate into a new career.

Areas that we identified for next year based on prior success include New York, the New England area, North Carolina, Hawaii, District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, Oregon, Nevada and Colorado. New areas that have been identified and will be scouted include Indianapolis, Kentucky and Alaska.

For current testing locations and general information, please check out the Recruitment Web page at [www.lapdonline.org](http://www.lapdonline.org) or call (800) 954-0321.

### DHD The Department's 411

Detective Headquarters Division

This is the first Detective Headquarters Division (DHD) ("The Department's 411") article for the **Blue Line**. Whatever work-related questions you have (booking advice, juvenile questions or forgery cases) DHD is available to answer them. The Detective Information Desk (DID) is available 24 hours a day at (213) 485-2505. During

regular hours (Monday through Friday) it is recommended that all questions be forwarded to the concerned division. Off-hour advice and questions can be answered through DID. In addition to DID, DHD is a division that consists of varied entities including: Gun Unit, Mental Evaluation Unit (MEU), Missing Persons Unit (MPU), Threat Management Unit (TMU), Court Liaison Units, Law Enforcement Related Injury Investigation (LERII), Systemwide Mental Assessment Response Team (SMART).

#### Gun Unit Makes the Largest Single Firearm Booking in LAPD History

The Gun Unit recently seized 6,464 handguns from the living room of a citizen. The presence of the stored guns at

the secured location presented a significant risk to the public. Gun Unit personnel responded immediately to the location and secured the cache of arms. The logistics of the seizure and booking of over 6,400 guns into Property Division was a challenge. Members of the Gun Unit arranged a meeting with supervising personnel of Property Division and successfully developed a game plan for transporting, handling and booking this large seizure.

After the seizure of three tons of handguns, Gun Unit officers spent three 12-hour days at Parker Center tediously clearing, recording and booking all 6,464 guns and magazines into property. With sore backs and swollen hands, the Gun Unit officers put the finishing touches on the 150-page property report--the largest single property report in LAPD history. The seized guns will be scheduled for destruction and transported to a foundry where they will be melted for use as re-enforcement bar or manhole covers. Great teamwork!!

#### Threat Management Unit

The Los Angeles Police Department's Threat Management Unit (TMU), along with The Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP) held its 10th annual Threat Management Conference on August 29 through September 1. The conference was held at the Disneyland Hotel and was attended by over 650 law enforcement and private industry personnel. Los Angeles Police Chief Bernard Parks gave the opening remarks that kicked off the conference. Guest speakers included District Attorney Rhonda Saunders, Dr. Reid Meloy, Channel 11 news weatherman Mark Thompson, TMU speakers Greg Boles and Sandra Betancourt and many, many more. The highlight of the conference, besides the great food and, of course, Mickey Mouse, was having actor Tim Conway perform a comedy routine during one of the fabulous luncheons. The conference would not have been a big success if not for the dedicated work of the TMU personnel, Detectives Greg Boles, Jeff Dunn, Diane McNair, Sam McCauley, Sandra Betancourt, Rosibel Smith, Janet Owens, Mary Lopez and Alex Vargas.

Well, on to more important news... or gossip. DHD celebrated a "luau" of a retirement for Det. III Greg Boles on Sept. 8, 2000, at the Academy. It was wonderful to see Comm. Betty Kelepecz, Lt. Don Farrell, Det. Jeff Dunn, P.O. Al Lopez, and Greg Boles do a "hula" presentation. Chief Art Lopez (Oxnard PD) participated in Greg's Hawaiian send-off to the private sector.

Greg is now the Director of Threat Management for Kroll Associates. Yes, that was Greg underneath the died blond hair that he tried desperately to say was his natural hair. Ha, ha, nice try, Greg. We will miss you. Good luck.

Clawing for Greg's vacant position were many, many qualified detectives. Unfortunately, they were only able to pick one. Det. Jeffery Dunn was the chosen one and is now the OIC of the Threat Management Unit (God help us all. Just kidding, Jeff). CONGRATULATIONS!

After 25+ years, Det. Patti May has pulled the pin from Missing Persons Unit and Det. Larry Judd exited the Gun Unit for a beach paradise retirement. Farewell to Lt. Bill Ward on his retirement and best wishes in his new career for Long Beach City.

Farewells to Det. Gary VanEsch to Central Detectives, Officer John Arredondo's promotion to Det. I at 77th Division and Officer John Roach's promotion to Det. I at Narcotics Division.

#### Welcome

DHD welcomes Lt. Art Miller (from Southwest Patrol) as he assumed the helm for Section Three--DID, MEU and SMART.

#### Sympathy

DHD sends its deep sympathy to our commanding officer, Capt. Bill Fierro, on the loss of his mother, and to Officer Rick Dulgerian on the loss of his father.

#### Vacancies

Currently, DHD has several Det. I positions available. If you are interested in working the Gun Unit, please call (213) 473-7351, LERII Unit (213) 473-7368 or the Mental Evaluation Unit at (213) 485-4188 for details.

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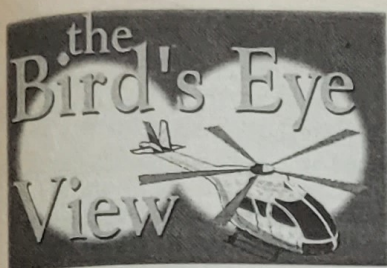
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by Jack H. Schonely  
Air Support Division

### The Hand Off

This is my first Blue Line article, so I may need some warm-up time. Cole Burdette has been writing "The Birds Eye View" for a while now and decided to give someone else a shot at it for a while. Many of you know Cole as one of the best Tactical Flight Officers in the city. In both ASTRO and Special Flights, Cole has excelled as a TFO. All of you PM watchers are very lucky because that's where Cole is right now. All of us at ASD feel lucky to have Cole here as he makes us all look good on a daily basis. Thanks Cole for writing The Birds Eye View. We appreciated it.

### TFO News

Two Tactical Flight Officer loanees completed their month loan with us with high enough marks to stay and begin the four-month probation/training period. **Bob Cadena** and **Greg MacDonald** both worked very hard and completed the month with a proficient rating. Now the hard work begins as the bar is raised up a bit and the training continues. Both of these guys are quality police officers trying to learn one of the toughest jobs this department has to offer.

By the time you are reading this article, **Manny Dickerson** will have completed his probation and received his Tactical Flight Officer Wings. Congratulations, Manny, and welcome aboard.

### Pilot Stuff

Sgt. **Mark Williams** has received his Command Pilot Wings after completing ASD's pilot training program. As if Mark hadn't taken enough tests over the past few months. He decided to go the extra mile and study for Certified Flight Instructor. This required two additional FAA written exams, an additional FAA check ride, and a lot more studying and flying in preparation for all of this. All the hard work paid off and in late September Mark passed the check ride and is now a CFI. Congratulations, Mark. Now in your spare time you can read a book that actually has a storyline.

**Jack Brandt** has been named our new Instructor Pilot in the training shop

and has been thrown into the fire with five new students. He and **Bob Percy** will be very busy in the months to come. The ground school started September 25th for **Ken Phillippe**, **Gil Campos**, **Bob Price**, Sgt. **Tony DeMolina**, and Sgt. **Doug Abney**. Best of luck to all of you.

**Dan Johnson** returns to ASTRO after a long tour in the training shop. Dan worked long hours on and off duty to keep our training program the best in law enforcement anywhere. Dan is a true professional and an excellent instructor who will be missed in the training trailer.

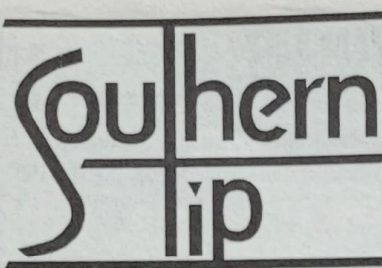
### The DNC

From all of us at Air Support Division, we would like to say how proud we were to serve with all of the hard-working men and women of the LAPD. All of you made us proud to be involved in the event. For five long, hot days and nights we watched officers from all over the city running in full gear, cycling at top speed, blocking a hostile crowd with a few motors, getting hit by numerous projectiles, standing your ground, showing great restraint and professionalism. You should all be very proud. Flight after flight air crews would land and talk about how hard all of you had to work to keep order in the streets. Great job!

Speaking of the DNC, a big welcome back to Lt. **Bob Green**. After Sgt. **Bob Green** made lieutenant, he left us for a while. Bob has been at Rampart Division where he had a huge role in DNC preparation. As any officer working downtown knows, Lt. Green's leadership and professionalism was a key role in our success that week. Nice job, Bob and welcome back to ASD.

### ASD Tip of the Month

You just had a man with a gun run from you and your partner and you have set up a perimeter around a one-block area. That was the hard part as you all know. Now it is very important for you to make sure that some very important things happen. Advise the Air Unit exactly where you last saw the suspect, what direction he was running, how long ago, and a general clothing description. With that information we can do our job and make sure the perimeter is set and big enough for what you have. It really helps if we know whom we are talking with, so on your initial contact with the TFO wave your hand during the day and use your flashlight at night. This gives us a good point of reference to start from and makes it easier for you to explain where the suspect was last observed from where you are. This is a critical event as to the success of your perimeter, so make every effort to get that info to us quickly. Watch your six out there. ❖



by Alley Cat  
Harbor Division

Tragedy has struck Harbor Division and the entire department--a young officer has died. Officer **Bob Mata** passed away from a traffic accident, while attempting to back another police officer. Bob left a beautiful young wife, Holly, and two precious children, mother, father and numerous relatives. He also left a large gathering of blue suiters and detectives behind that will never forget him. Bobby had a personality that was light and kept his partners on their toes. He loved to play practical jokes and keep a smile on his face. His lightheartedness was contagious and would brighten up any room or roll call. Twenty-six years is not a long time to spend on this earth, but he sure made a difference to all that knew him. His mark will be carried by his family of blood and his partners that had the pleasure to sit in a black and white with him. I know that time will ease the pain but it won't erase the memory of fallen friends. The pictures that hang upon the old walls of police stations and memorials at Parker Center are a reminder to the young and old alike that we are all mortal human beings. We don't realize how many lives we touch, family, partners, citizens and even the bad guys. There were numerous letters in the

newspaper about how Bob had touched or changed a person's life that he had come in contact with as a Los Angeles Police Officer. There were also gang members in Wilmington that stopped and talked with Harbor gang officers about Bobby. They appreciated how he had been honest and fair with them. He had made a difference in their lives. I would like to relay the following write-up by Harbor Division's property officer, **Tommy Resulto**:

### A Tribute to a Fallen Officer, Robert Mata

I hardly knew you, and now I know I never will

I spoke to you maybe once or twice  
But what I saw mirrored in your eyes

Was a good man, a decent man

A steadfast soldier, who answered the  
call of the thin blue line

Yours was the unenviable task of  
standing constant watch

Over the eternal struggle between the  
forces of good and the forces of evil

Your job was difficult,

your daily heroism unheralded

But among those who drank from the  
same cup,

You were a true friend,

and a blood brother

They basked in your moment of glory,  
and were grieved by your pain

And now that you are taken away

Their loss dwells on the  
incomprehensible

And their hearts beat raw, and heavy

And the cause that you gallantly

stood for

The thin blue line

Is thinner still,

On this day ❖

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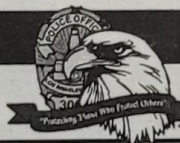


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by Sgt. Urrutia  
Central Traffic Division

Welcome back from the D.N.C. One for us, none for the rioters. We congratulate and thank the officers that worked through the Democratic National

Convention. You all did a tremendous job out there. You made the LAPD shine once again by the way you all acted and followed orders.

For the motors, I must tell you that you all so impressed the CHP Commissioner, that he is in the process of assigning two divisions of motor officers to be trained in the MFF tactics and configurations that you so aptly displayed while at the DNC.

And now for more mundane items. The 2000 Police and Fire Olympics resulted with one of our very own Motor Officers, **Randall Fontyn**, #25038, took home a bronze in individual golf competition (30- to 39-year-olds) for 9.2-13.6 handicap and a silver

in team competition with fellow Valley Traffic DUI Motor Officer **Steven Rausch**, #25826. Randy played three rounds of golf on three different venues and shot scores of 83, 79, and 78 for a combined score of 15 under his handicap of 13. Randy is a member of the LAPRAAC golf team and also is the president of the B.S.G.H. golf association, which was started 15 years ago by four members of our department. The golf association is looking for new members; family and friends are welcome. Contact Randy at CTD, 213-485-3122 PM Watch.

### Comings and Goings

We would like to welcome to CTD new Motor Sergeant **Javier Nunez** who comes to us from Southeast and Officer **Ziesmer** who comes to us from Central patrol and would like to say a fond

farewell to now Lt. **Steve Nielsen** who leaves CTD for Pacific PM Watch. Goodbye, Steve, and good luck.

On Sept. 7th, CTD held one of the most precious commodities in this Department lately--a "shooting training day at Eagles Nest." Sgt. **Wallace** and his hand-picked crew as always handled the food preparation and fed the hungry throng of CTD officers. Our thanks to **Scotty Reitz** and his friends from Metro who helped pull it all off and also allowed us to have some fun in the process.

Cops for Tots is coming up in October and we would like to invite the entire Department to come by the Academy and help us make this another fruitful year for the children of Children's Hospital who are the only ones this car show benefits.



by John Amott  
Valley Traffic Division

### "Same Day Service"

Just as the sun was setting, two of our elite motor officers were involved in an O.I.S. After the dust cleared, the suspect was down and the officers had overcome a very deadly situation. Beyond

the sea of police vehicles was a plethora of white helmets (more than at the D.N.C.). It just goes to show how motor officers really look after each other. At the scene, a big blue truck pulls up with C.E.M.P. written on the side. It looked like the truck from the old SWAT TV show. These guys got out and deployed lighting equipment for the crime scene. Some of us thought they were part of U.S.D. (because they all knew Sgt. **John Amott**) but they were actually with California Emergency Mobile Patrol, Inc.--CEMP (a non-profit organization). They are a group of volunteers who donate their time for Search & Rescue, et al. They are based out of the Valley and are always looking for a call-out or additional members. Check out their Web site at [www.cemp.org](http://www.cemp.org).

By the time you read this article, VTD should have its first of many photo red lights installed. The new photo red light coordinator for the Valley is yours truly. Keep those front plate tickets coming in.

Next month is the season for the holidays. VTD's holiday party will be at the Encino Glen on Dec. 16. Some of the door prizes are rumored to be a three-day trip to Las Vegas (airfare and a menies included) and a three-day cruise to Mexico. A special thanks to Patty from Third Millennium Travel. Of course, everybody who buys snacks at VTD made this possible. Keep munching! A photo of some of the station fund committee members is accompanying this

article. The committee has been hard at work trying to make this happen! Please feel free to share any ideas and/or suggestions you may have.

Tickets are still available for the retirement party for **Joe Gomez** at the



Encino Glen on Nov. 1, 2000. Be there or be square.

Just a reminder, the M.M.O.C.C. Christmas party will be at the fabulous Airtel Plaza Hotel in Van Nuys on Dec. 3.



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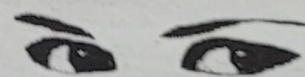


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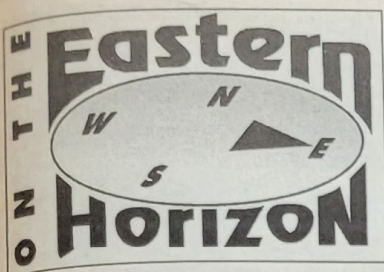
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by Ruben Rodriguez  
Hollenbeck Division

Thanksgiving time is upon us. As we reflect on this past year, let's give thanks for our many fortunes, however small they may be. May you enjoy your holiday surrounded by those you cherish most.

### Congratulations

On October 7, 2000, I was fortunate enough to witness the matrimony of two of my favorite people. Officers **Brenda Behrens** and **Chris "Jughead" Ramirez**, now assigned to Rampart Division, united as one, in front of family and friends. Chris and Brenda, con-



Mr. and Mrs. Chris Ramirez.

gratulations on your marriage. May nothing but happiness come your way. We'll be waiting for the little "Jugheads."

### Medal of Valor Recipients

Officers **Ronald Chavarria** and **Robert Farias** were presented the LAPD's highest award on September 6, 2001, during ceremonies at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel. Both officers received the Medal of Valor for their heroic acts during the tragic incident that claimed the life of Officer **Steve Gajda** on New Year's Eve, 1998.

### Christmas Party

A reminder that this year's Christmas gala will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2000. The bash will take place at the luxurious Westin Bonaventure Hotel and promises to be a fun experience. See any of the Station Fund members to purchase tickets. See you there, wear your best.

### Baker to Vegas

No, it's not too early to begin preparing for the 2001 event. Tryouts will soon be held for those runners seeking to represent Hollenbeck at the annual Challenge Cup Relay. See **SLO Austin "Kermit the Frog" Fernald**, who will again be heading the running team, in the Problem Solving Unit, for more information.

### Welcome Back

After a long absence due to knee surgery, Officer **Melissa Liberman** has returned to work. Well, sort of. Actually, she is currently assigned to the Problem Solving Unit and is assisting us SLOs in targeting problems and finding solutions. However, she insists that I tell you that she is really a gun-fighter and will be light duty for only a short while

longer. Melissa, welcome back and we hope you heal fast and get back out on those streets soon.



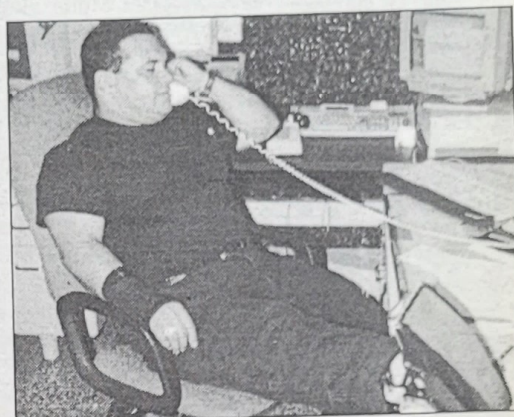
Officer Melissa Liberman, I'm ready to get back out in the field.

### Hola

A big Hollenbeck welcome goes out to Sgt. **E. Munoz**, joining us from Wilshire Division. We also say hello to Officer **F. Pardo** in from 77th Division and to **N. Driller** coming to us from Foothill. **K. Koskelin** is here from Hollywood while **S. Flores** moves in from North Hollywood Division. **M. Lorenz** is in from Southeast and **A. Alvarado** from Southwest. Finally, Officers **L. Rogers** and **M. Valencia** got off the bus at Hollenbeck as they join us from TBD. Welcome to Hollenbeck. You will definitely enjoy your stay with us.

### Adios

Congratulations go out to **Mark Phillips** as he promoted to Detective



Officer Rick Corpel, yes Mom, I really did faint during the DNC.

### Que Paso

This month's salute goes out to my buddy, **Oscar "I need a back-up" Casini**. Code-4, it's just another Casini caper.

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by Floyd Toledo  
Hollywood Division

### Only in Hollywood

With the summer finally over and all the tourists gone, it's time to get back to normal. It kind of reminds you of what Australia must be like now that the Olympics is over.

### Officers Honored

On Sept. 28, 2000, the Automobile Club of Southern California recognized officers of the Los Angeles Police Department who have achieved 25 or more years of collision-free driving while patrolling the streets of Los Angeles. Auto Club president **Thomas McKernan, Jr.** and LAPD Chief of Police **Bernard Parks** presented the awards during a luncheon ceremony held at the Regal Biltmore Hotel.

Honored and representing Hollywood Division were Detectives **Michael A. Thrasher** and **Floyd C. Toledo** and Officer **Frank M. Dyer**. All three had over 25 years of collision-free driving. That's on duty and in a city vehicle only. The honorees received a plaque

and a one-year free membership with the Automobile Club. Congratulations for all the recipients who received the Peace Officers Safe Driving Awards.

### In-Outs-N-Ups

Time to take a look around to see who left Hollywood, besides the tourists of course. Gone but not forgotten is Det. **I Steve Griffin** (Central). Also P-3s **Fidel Gonzalez** (Central), **Mark Castillo** (Metro) **David Ortiz** (ND). Also missing are P-2s **Stacy Kuntz** (DEV), **Kristin Koskelin** (HOLBK), and **Gonzalo Lara** (N/E). C-ya.

But while we mourn their absence we must enjoy in the arrival of the new bees. Swarming in are P-2s **Ranon Samuels** from DEV and **Debi Ternlund** (DEV), **Adrian Koval** (FTHL), **Richard Carlin** (RAMP), **Robert Andreno** (WLA), and on the civilian side is **Prudence Young** from VTD.

Promoting and leaving us are recently promoted Sgt. **Kianoush Sepanlou** to Van Nuys. (I remember when I was his training officer.) Also leaving is now Det. **James King** to Northeast Division. And Det. **Jo Hosook** is leaving us for a second time. We here are all proud of you. All we ask is that you don't forget us.

Promoting and transferring in is now Det. **I David Friedrich** from North Hollywood. Do you think that Dave was waiting for all the tourists to leave before he traveled south to join us? ❖

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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Julian Almaraz  
Foothill Division

### Foothill Patrol

On September 20, 2000, at 2100 hours, an armed robbery occurred at Beachy Ave. and Rangoon St. in Branford Park. The suspects were described as two male Hispanics. One of them was armed with a gun. After being briefed with the suspect descriptions, P.O. III **Plourde** recalled a prior contact with suspects matching that description. He advised Foothill Robbery Detective **T. Roble**. Det. Roble put together a photo six-pack and presented it to the witness. The suspect, Francisco Gonzales, was positively identified in the six-pack.

On Sept. 24, 2000, at 1600 hours, Officer **Plourde** and his partner, Officer **Milan**, observed the described vehicle

in front of 12105 Youngdale Ave. Officers **Plourde** and **Milan** set up surveillance and requested an additional unit. Officers **Reade** and **Dewitt**, working unit 16A71, responded to the area and set up surveillance. A short time later Officers **Plourde** and **Milan** observed a white Dodge vehicle pull into the driveway of the residence. The passenger of the vehicle was the wanted suspect. The suspect observed the officers and ran through the residence, out the back door. Officers **Plourde** and **Dewitt** pursued the suspect on foot, while **Milan** and **Reade** apprehended the driver of the vehicle. Officer **Plourde** set up the subsequent perimeter. A short time later Officer **Reade** observed the suspect hiding behind a white Toyota pick-up truck. The suspect was detained and arrested for 211 P.C. It was later determined that the suspect was on parole. Officers **Plourde**, **Milan**, **Reade**, **Dewitt**, **Pikar**, **Mudgett** and several CLEAR units assisted with the parole search. The officers recovered two semi-auto handguns, a high capacity shotgun and an assault rifle. Thousands of live rounds of ammunition, extra magazines, binoculars, and a terrorist weapons VCR tapes were recovered.

Officers are commended for their teamwork, proactive police work, and commitment to duty and outstanding search techniques.

### Special Officer

Officer **Angela Steward**, #30570, working the area YSO, is involved in all the special events at the station with the help of all the Explorers. The events I am talking about was the overnight cooking during the DNC, station fund raisers, open house and the area picnic. Officer **Steward** has been on the job for over five years and did work here for two years on patrol. Officer **Steward** was born in Scotland and came to the U.S. eight years ago. She went to school in Scotland and worked at one of the local pubs as a manager and sometimes a bouncer for the business. We all enjoy her humor and great smile; she is a very special person.

I also had seen one of Foothill heroes--Det. **Mike Cherry** who retired five years prior. He was meeting several Harley riders for a long ride to New Mexico. It was nice to see him and remember all the good times we had working together working Foothill RECON unit in the late '80s. Take care, Mike "Bing" Cherry.

### Foothill Detectives

We have two officers that are assigned to Foothill areas that are on loan to OVB COBRA unit. These offi-

cers work close with our area detectives. They are given clues and information about violent criminals in the area. I see these two officers daily, who always are asking for information on local gang members and parolees in the area. On one recent robbery investigation regarding a named suspect, Officers **Marquez**, #26670, and his partner, **Munoz**, #27719, were able to locate this wanted suspect. These officers stopped the suspect driving a vehicle in Foothill area; he was detained and arrested for robbery. Patrol, detectives and Cobra unit working together as a team were able to solve and clear over seven robberies in the San Fernando Valley. Over all this unit and officers have solved over 150 crimes in the last ten months. Great job and teamwork.

### Sports

Well our Area Basketball team is getting ready for the upcoming season. The team is coached and managed by P-3 **Justin Mudgett**, #30486. He has been coaching the team for over four years and has an outstanding record. In the past the team has won three first places in their division. This year we have a small team but very fast.

The team has a fund raiser practice game with the PACOIMA Wild Cats Pop Warner team coaches to raise money for the local football team players, on Oct. 13 at the Boys and Girls Club gym.



by Eugene "The Taxman" Bedolla  
South Traffic Division

Greetings amigos. All at South Traffic Division hope your ghosts and goblins had a spooky October 31st. As my dentist informs me, Halloween brings great joy and warm fuzzies to all dentists.

### South Traffic Training Day

On Wednesday, Oct. 27th, South Traffic Division held a Training Day at the Harbor Range. Sgt. **L. Smith** and her very competent crew orchestrated the day's events. The day began with words of inspiration from our new skipper, Capt. **M. Smith**. The topic for the day was driving under the influence training.

To begin with, we were able to be graced with the presence of the city

happy to report all survived the experience.

Additionally, we were able to persuade (minimal persuasion was required) Officers **B. Williamson** and **D. Estrada** to voluntarily ingest an alcoholic beverage in order to provide us with live deuce subjects. They were subjected to standard field sobriety examinations allowing for further education on DUI subjects. (Don't worry, they both had designated drivers.)

STD Sgt. **Liggett** has taken time to meet with a very motivated group of students from the Devry Institute in Pomona. These students were presented with a project: What can be done to streamline a DUI arrest. I don't know of any officer who does not hold the highest contempt for a DUI driver. However, to arrest, book and complete the necessary reports for one DUI driver has become a very time-consuming task. Throw in a T/C and this caper has become a multi-hour occurrence. Seasoned officers speak of a day long gone where a DUI arrest was basically completed on one short form. The students from Devry (at no cost to the city) examined every form from the initial F.I. card to the DMV admin per se form and all those in between to complete a DUI arrest. They were able to find (not a hard task) areas where officers' reports were repetitive and redundant. Additionally, putting pen to some forms not computerized also slows down the process. The students from Devry have developed software where officers would input information once which would then flow to the required form. The software developed is



Sgt. D. Linfield and Officer D. Estrada.

attorney, Rosemary Chavez, whose expertise is in the prosecution of misdemeanor DUI arrests. She was able to highlight areas where officers can improve their at-scene investigation, report writing, and court testimony. We had a lively exchange with her and I am

very user friendly for those of us who have a hard time even turning on the computer. The students theorized that their software will allow for greater efficiency when a DUI driver is arrested. The positive results emanating from this technology will be: reduced man-

hours spent at the station out in the field, more time in the field for enforcement thereby increasing citizen safety, a real cost savings to the city due to the



Capt. M. Smith and Officer Luis Hernandez.

reduced manhours and a psychological boost to officers who will feel less overwhelmed by the sheer amount of paperwork and form completion in a standard DUI arrest.

The presentation was very impressive and as of this writing, South Traffic Division is slated to utilize this software in the future on a test basis. Results gathered from the testing will be reported on in future articles.

The training day ended on a sentimental, joyous note. A retirement steak fry was held for three of LAPD's very finest officers with a combined time on the job of nearly 90 years. Officers **David Seigal** and **Forest Wilkins** and Sgt. **Bill Todd** were given a send-off into retirement by their friends and peers. We send our very best as y'all ride off and enjoy your well-deserved rest.

### Outstanding Officer

If any of you are fishermen, then you will have something in common with

STD's BCMC Officer of the Quarter, **Tony "Catfish" Morris**. Due to his outstanding traffic enforcement and hard work, Officer **Morris** was selected for this honor. I tried to obtain a comment from Officer **Morris** but the sign on his locker read, "Gone fishin'."

### New Addition

South Traffic Division received its latest little traffic enforcement officer when **Christin Thomas Moore** was born to Officer **Kenneth Moore** and **Ellen Moore** on Sept. 25th. All are doing fine. Congratulations!

### Recommended Vacation Destination

STD BCMC Officer **H. Hills** traveled to our nation's capitol, Washington, D.C., on his vacation. Officer **Hills** returned to paradise (aka Southern California) singing "I'm a yankee doo-dle dandy." He was very inspired and recommends that you take a trip and see the many monuments, museums, and



Officer Hills reporting from the White House.

national treasures which belong to you. Officer **Hills** will be available as your personal tour guide should you take his advice.

### Final Thoughts

As always, don't forget your fellow officers who are sick, ill or injured. Give them a call. Finally, Motors keep the rubber side down and CI keep the light bar off of the pavement.





by Dave Dooros  
Narcotics Division

## Employee of the Quarter

Valley Bureau's D-II **Anthony Stavropoulos** has been selected as the Employee of the Quarter for the Second Quarter of 2000. Anthony was selected for his dedication, his thorough investigation techniques, and his ability to address community problems by not only solving narcotics problems but also working with Area detectives in order to solve problems that are related to narcotics locations. Congratulations, Anthony.

## Holiday Party Announced

The Narcotics Division holiday party has been scheduled for December 12th and will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in San Gabriel. The evening will start with a no-host bar at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will follow at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be a buffet and I have been informed that the food will be excellent. This year the station fund committee chose to focus more on the raffle instead of the location. With this year's party being held at the Doubletree, the prizes for the raffle have a greater share of the funds available. This will make for some very good prizes. A comedian is scheduled to perform and a DJ will provide all the tunes needed to dance the night away. I have been assured that the price will be

kept below \$60 per couple and tickets will be available by contacting Margaret in the Captain's office at (213) 847-0189. One note about tickets: There will be only 200 tickets available due to the size of the Doubletree location so buy early if you want to attend.

## Bob Goes to Texas

The K-9 Unit's **Bob Alvarez** was selected to attend the Explosives Canine Training Course at Lackland AFB in Texas. Bob left in September and is scheduled to return from the three-month school in December. Once he and his new canine partner are certified for service, Bob will be headed for Pacific and call LAX home.

## Ins/Outs/Ups

Leaving us this month were D-IIs **Mike Neel** (IAG) and **Don Walters** (SW) and D-I **Dan Horan** who made the jump over to the patrol side and will serve Wilshire Mid-PMs as a sergeant. Good luck to you all. I know Dan "Hey, my pants still fit!" will need it.

Congratulations go out to new P-IIIs **Trevor Larsen** (HARB) and **Jaime Martinez** (DEV).

And joining the Narcotics team are D-Is **John Roach**, **Aaron Bankhead**, **Jack Gray**, **Marc Phillips**, and **Johnny Sanchez**; P-IIIs **David Ortiz**, **Suzanne McDuffie**, and **Robert Cornejo**; and P-IIs **Steve Wills**, **Brian Eynon**, **Jong-Kwan Kim**, and **Fernando Munoz**. Welcome to Narcotics.

The LAPD loses three of Narcotic's finest to retirement this month: Lt.-II **Dan Hoffman**, D-II **Ed Camarillo**, and P-II **Alexander Kiel**.

Article Suggestions: As always, I am looking for stories for the Reporter. You can contact me on my personal pager at (310) 344-7486 or at the K-9 office. Until next month, stay safe.



## M.S.D. Notes

by Jeff Bert  
Management Services Division

## Greetings from MSD!

Last month I told you all that we were on the cusp of the annual SEB Mud Run. Ten tenacious MSD employees and myself (see photo) competed in the mud-drenched event--a five-mile hump through mud pits, gravel beds, wheat fields and country roads. Prior to the run, we busied ourselves emptying our pockets of pencils, floppy disks, and miscellaneous Manual Amendments. Next, we taped our pockets shut with duct tape to prevent bog water, mud, sludge, all and sundry barnyard animals, etc., from seeping in and drowning us during the run. Clever as I am, I placed a few strips of tape over my nose and mouth, figuring that what works for my pockets should also work for my throat.

When I came to moments later, startled and devoid of all facial hair, a teammate more seasoned than I in mud running, advised against the zealous over-application of duct tape.

The run was a blast. Out there on a challenging course, surrounded by friends, brothers and sisters in law

enforcement, all running for the greatest cause in the world--remembering fallen officers--one couldn't help but smile and be proud of his/her post as a Los Angeles Police Officer. The spirit of camaraderie amongst teams, from the military police to the Explorers, was truly refreshing. Some of our teammates showed their esprit de corps in less conventional ways. Fellow team member, **Sean Parker**, made sure that several of us received our monthly dosage of fiber, minerals, and water. After he tackled me for the third time, he convinced me that his actions were not reportable uses of force. **Mike Flynn**, too, lived out his WWF fantasy as the Masked Muddy Marvel, slamming more than one of us into muddy pits. Indeed, we started the race as a thin blue line, but we finished as a wide brown streak (again, I humbly refer my readers to the photo).

MSD bids a fond farewell to Lt. **Jorge Villegas** who promoted and transferred to Rampart. His humor,



dedication, and professionalism will be missed here.

Also, we welcome PIII **Candice Daymen** as the newest addition to the researching team at the Manuals and Orders Unit.

Take care, and be happy.

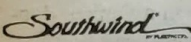


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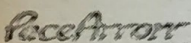
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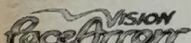
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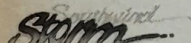
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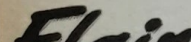
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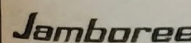
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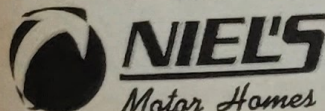
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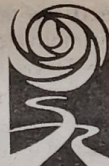
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# SPORTS BEAT

Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

## LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow,  
LAPRAAC Sports Editor

This year's Sports Awards Dinner is fast approaching (Friday, December 1) and that can only mean another year is down the tubes. They seem to go by faster for us "greyhairs." Wasn't it only yesterday we were celebrating the new millennium? (Note: If you're a purist there's only two months to go until the real turn of the millennium!) It's the 47th edition of this LAPD tradition and tickets are now available for what should be yet another stellar evening. See the ad elsewhere in the Sports Beat section for more info.

By time this issue reaches your mailboxes it will be too late for some things and our press deadline makes it too early for others...

If the postal gods have been gracious, there's just a few days until the Fall Bench Press Contest, Friday, November 3rd, at the Elysian Park Academy. It's too late for entries but if you're in the area drop by and cheer on your comrades in arms. The year-end LAPD Golf Club Tournament is coming up on Thursday, November 9, at the California Country Club in Whittier. Deadline for reservations is long past, but if you golf and want to be put on the mailing list for next year's tournaments, give Jeannie Schwab a call at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218.

The Intradepartmental Basketball Team Captains meeting was held two weeks ago and early plans were to get the season underway about mid-November. DARE is looking to threep-eat as department champions.

Intradepartmental Flag Football play got underway on Sunday, Oct. 8, with eleven teams taking to the gridiron. Games are played on Sundays at Cathedral High School. For up-to-date basketball and flag football game schedules, call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

### Looking for Some Hardies ...

An LAPD baseball team (hardball) is being organized to compete in the 2001 California Police and Fire Games in San Jose. If you're interested in competing, contact Athletic Director Tony Adler at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218.

### ...and Some Softies ...

The LAPD Women's Softball Team is actively recruiting for the upcoming season. They're looking for enthusiastic and committed ballplayers to carry their medal-winning tradition. The Blue Team plays in local tournaments and other organized events during the year. For more information, contact Lori Miller at (310) 575-8910 or Sherry Le at (213) 847-8139.

### Take 'em to Six Flags ... Cheap!

Wondering what to do with the kids over Thanksgiving weekend or Winter break? The Elysian Park and RTC LAPRAAC stores have super saver tickets for Magic Mountain good through the end of the year. Price for adults is only \$20 and kids are only \$10... that's less than half price! Ducats must be purchased prior to November 24. For more information, call (323) 221-5222 and choose option four.

### Can't Get Enough of Disney?

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Passports must be purchased prior to the end of the year but are good for a full 12 months from the first date of use. For more information, call Jose at the LAPRAAC Office, (323) 221-5222. If you just can't wait, LAPRAAC has single day passports available for \$30, good through December 15 (excluding Saturdays). These are available for purchase at both the Elysian Park and RTC LAPRAAC stores.

### The Academy Cafe Wants You!

Another in our series of not quite subliminal plugs for the Elysian Park Academy Cafe. Open weekdays from 0700-1400, the Cafe features hearty fare and prices within anyone's budget. For larger groups and special events there's meeting rooms, the Academy Lounge and the Rock Garden. Help

support those who support you by patronizing the Cafe and banquet facilities at the Academy. For more information, contact Debbie Chamberlain at (323) 221-5222, ext. 215.

### Closing Note ...

On behalf of the Sports Beat section we wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving. Recent events in Yugoslavia bring to the fore one of the things we have to be thankful for this year. No matter who wins an election we don't have to take to the streets to force out the losers, even if they have been entrenched for years. They go of their own volition, sadly perhaps, but graciously, into the sunset.

Remember to exercise your sacred American right and VOTE this coming Tuesday, November 7th. Don't take for granted what people all over the world are dying in the streets for--the right to choose your government in a free and honest election.

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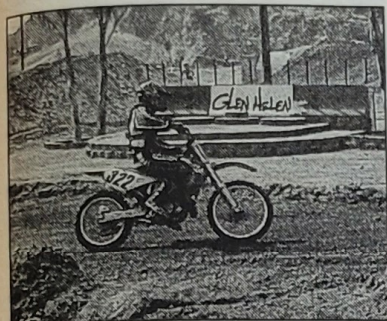
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# LAPD Motocross Team

by Rich Swisher

The LAPD "Mudslingers" Motocross team has finished another season, but this one goes down in the record books as the winningest season in LAPD Motocross history! The final two rounds of the Fire and Police Motocross Nationals were held in San Bernardino



#322 Dan Hadfield lines himself up to hit a jump at Glen Helen Raceway in San Bernardino.

on October 3rd and 4th. The Mudslingers took home no less than 23 medals and 4 national championships! Among the medal winners were: Capt. **Charlie Beck/JUV** (2 Gold), Ofcr. **Rob Cosner/CTD** (2 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze), Ofcr. **James Linder/HWD** (2 Bronze), Ofcr. **Sean Malachi/SOE** (1 Silver), Ofcr. **Stuart Lomax/FTHL** (1 Bronze), Ofcr. **Doug Wilson/USD** (2 Bronze), Ofcr. **Rich Swisher/ATD** (1 Silver, 2 Bronze), Ofcr. **Paul Menchaca/HARB** (2 Silver), Ofcr. **Dan Hadfield/ASD** (2 Bronze), Retiree **Vic Curti** (2 Gold), and **Chris Tocco** of FMF (1 Gold). Our National Champions for the 2000 season are: Capt. **Charlie Beck/Vintage 1974** or older class; Retiree **Vic Curti/Super Old Timer Expert** class; **Rob Cosner/Veteran Novice** class and **Sportsman Novice** class. If you see any of these heroes, congratulate them gently (most of them have some nasty bruises, and some of them have even worse). I don't have enough space to

come back to seventh. Doug Wilson grabbed the hole-shot in one of his motos and held it until the last lap when a sandbagger ripped by him for the win. Rich Swisher did the same thing on the following day, only to be robbed in the same way on the same lap by the same sandbagger! Paul Menchaca took his first FPMN moto win from some fast fellows in the 80cc class. Tony Perez came back from two broken wrists and snatched an inspired third place finish in the first time beginner class. Tony also rode to consistently strong finishes in the sportsman beginner class to the cheers of his family and friends. Sean Malachi arrived at the track as his moto was lining up, threw on his gear, had some teammates prep his quad, and somehow put together a second place finish. James Linder railed the track on his way to a second place moto finish behind Rob Cosner, giving the mudslingers a 1-2 finish. Another first time beginner was Andy Osman of Southeast



#415 James Linder whips past an Arizona fireman over a huge tabletop jump.

Division. Andy will probably be heading off to Kosovo for a year, but we will be saving him a spot for when he returns. Like I said before, I can't fit all of the exciting details into these articles, so you will just have to do like



Rich Swisher #34 and Sean Fiola #196 line up with 38 other racers at the final round of the Fire and Police Motocross Nationals.

cover all of the killer moves, insane air, knifey passes, and gutsy rides, but I will give you some individual accomplishments. Dan Hadfield won his first moto ever at round four, but was taken out in a corner during moto two, smashing his chance at the overall win. Stuart Lomax was on fire for round three, screaming through the pack and taking third in moto one. Lomax rode like a man possessed in moto two as well, but came into a slippery downhill corner too hot, laid it out in a berm and could only

Ofcr. **George Castro** who brought his family out to watch the races, or Sgt. **Dan Putz** who rode out with some buddies to catch some action. Finally we need to thank our more than generous sponsors that help us get the edge on the competition with the finest racing products on earth. Thanks goes out to: FMF Racing, Factory 909, Troy Lee Designs, Acerbis, LAPRAAC, Maxima Racing Oils, Bell Helmets, Pro-Action Suspension, and Spy Optics.

## Fire and Police Motocross National ROUND THREE RESULTS

	Moto1/Moto2	Overall
<b>2-Stroke Quad</b>		
Sean Malachi	DNS/2nd	4th
<b>80cc Adult</b>		
Paul Menchaca	1st/2nd	1st
<b>Sportsman Novice</b>		
Paul Menchaca	DNF/10th	17th
Rob Cosner	1st/3rd	2nd
<b>Vintage 1974 and older</b>		
Charlie Beck	2nd/1st	1st
<b>Sportsman Beginner</b>		
Stuart Lomax	3rd/7th	4th
Rich Swisher	10th/8th	7th
Doug Wilson	9th/14th	11th
Ryan Basaker	19th/20th	20th
Tony Perez	14th/17th	16th
<b>Veteran Beginner</b>		
Dan Hadfield	3rd/8th	6th
Sean Fiola	16th/15th	15th
Rich Swisher	9th/12th	12th
Stuart Lomax	10th/10th	11th
Doug Wilson	14th/2nd	7th
Rob Plourde	15th/DNF	18th
Donovan Nickerson	13th/5th	9th
<b>Sponsor Class</b>		
Chris Tocco (FMF)	1st/1st	1st
<b>Veteran Novice</b>		
Rob Cosner	1st/1st	1st
James Linder	7th/3rd	3rd
<b>Old Timer Expert</b>		
Charlie Beck	10th/9th	10th
<b>Old Timer Novice</b>		
Rob Plourde	5th/DNF	11th
Phil Walters	6th/10th	7th
Bruce Hoover	7th/6th	6th
<b>Dual Sport</b>		
Andy Osman	4th/4th	4th
<b>Super Old Timer 50+</b>		
Vic Curti	1st/1st	1st
<b>First Time Beginner</b>		
Tony Perez	3rd/9th	6th

## ROUND FOUR RESULTS

	Moto 1/Moto 2	Overall
<b>Vintage 1974 and older</b>		
Charlie Beck	1st/1st	1st
<b>2-Stroke Quad</b>		
Sean Malachi	2nd/3rd	2nd
<b>80cc Adult</b>		
Paul Menchaca	1st/2nd	1st
<b>Veteran Novice</b>		
Rob Cosner	1st/7th	4th
James Linder	8th/10th	8th
<b>Sportsman Beginner</b>		
Dan Hadfield	1st/15th	7th
Rich Swisher	7th/6th	5th
<b>Sportsman Novice</b>		
Rob Cosner	1st/3rd	2nd
Paul Menchaca	17th/DNF	17th
<b>Veteran Beginner</b>		
Sean Fiola	24th/18th	22nd
Dan Hadfield	7th/5th	4th
Doug Wilson	10th/3rd	7th
Rich Swisher	2nd/4th	2nd
Donovan Nickerson	12th/DNF	19th
<b>Super Old Timer Expert</b>		
Vic Curti	1st/1st	1st
<b>Sponsors Class</b>		
Donny Emler, Jr. (FMF)	10th/4th	6th
Mike Farmer (FMF)	12th/12th	13th
<b>Old Timer Expert</b>		
Charlie Beck	9th/7th	8th

## 2000 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Sportsman Novice: Rob Cosner  
 Veteran Novice: Rob Cosner  
 Vintage Class: Charlie Beck  
 Super Old Timer Expert: Vic Curti

More Sports Beat on next page



# SPORTS BEAT

## THE TEN RING LAPD Shooters Dominate Nationals; Win 3rd Straight World Pistol Title

by Rick Bennett

After six months of local matches the LAPD Pistol Teams traveled to Jackson, Mississippi, in September to compete against 500 top law enforcement shooters from around the world in the National Police Shooting Championships. Representing the department were (all assigned to Training Division, Firearms Training Unit unless noted):

Team 1: **Rick Bennett** (team captain), **Bob Barnes** (co-captain), **Lou Salseda**, **Don Tsunawaki** (Southeast). Team 2: **Neil Goldberg**, **Lisa Wernli** (77th St.), **Stefanie Diaz**, **Steve Embrich**.

Team 1 was attempting to win its third straight World Championship and the foursome representing U.S. Border Patrol stood in its way. The Federales practiced all year to beat LAPD and their hopes for a national title were high after defeating us in the California State Match in August.

A week prior to the Nationals LAPD Team 1 and Border Patrol met up in Mississippi for an NRA regional championship. As our first two shooters went to the line, the skies opened up (didn't know raindrops could get that large). The rain stopped and we were victorious... perhaps it was an omen.

The first two days of the Nationals determined the individual pistol and revolver champions. First year LAPD shooter Stefanie Diaz went on to capture her first national titles as High Woman Revolver Shooter and High Woman for the Service Revolver match. Not to be outdone, Bob Barnes went on to win the prestigious Distinguished Revolver match, Neil Goldberg took Master Class overall

champion, and yours truly was the Revolver Match 4 champion.

Day five was team day. The first match was the Revolver Match, wherein each shooter fires a 600 point match then all totals are combined for a possible score of 2,400 points. When the dust settled, LAPD Team 1 won its third straight championship and Team 2 captured third in the Master Class.

But it wasn't over as we traded in our revolvers for auto pistols. Once again we fired the 2,400 point course. The targets were scored and Team 1 ended up dead even with its arch rivals from the Border Patrol. Not only did each team have the same number of points but they each had the same amount of tie-breaking hits in the "x" ring! It was now down to the third tie-breaking rule, "shot value." The team with the fewest hits in a lower scoring ring would take the title. Border Patrol had two hits in the eight ring out of 240 shots... while LAPD Team 1 had only one. For the first time in history the same team won both the Revolver and Auto Pistol Championships!

With great pride our foursome went to compete in the world match against teams from Canada and Germany. Twenty-four hundred more points downrange and LAPD Team 1 won its third straight World Pistol Championship. And to ice the cake, LAPD Team 2 took home first place in the Expert Class during the Auto Pistol match.

As team captain, I'd like to thank all my teammates for their hard work and our families for their support. In addition, thanks go to Chief **Parks** and Captain **Wemmer** for all their support, which made this championship possible.

## Aussie Invasion, New Finish Line Set for 2001 Baker to Vegas Relay

"The Aussies are coming! The Aussies are coming!" That's the warning cry from our retired "Paul Revere twins" (Chuck and Larry) as plans begin to gel for the 17th Annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay.

A Queensland Police Services team has been organized by Graeme Millard, a Detective Sergeant with QPS, who has experienced the race five times as guest of the L.A. Sheriff's Homicide 800 Team. Members of the squad, who range in age from diapers (Huggies) to diapers (Depends), vary in rank and running ability. They have banded together towards some common goals: have a good time, meet new friends, dodge rattlesnakes and down a few cold American beers.

Welcoming the 'Roos will be a revised race course and new finish line. The 2001 race, to be held on April 7-8, will end at the host hotel, the Rio Suites and Convention Center on the west side

of Las Vegas (instead of the Tropicana Hotel at the south end of town). While this moves the final leg off the famous Strip, it will consolidate all race-end activities at the Rio and provide for a better "show" at race end. The new course is still being plotted out but early word is that leg #1 will be shortened with the final two legs gaining some distance to keep the race at 120 miles. Our suggestion for the last leg's new nickname: "The Road to Rio" (Thanks, Bob and Bing!).

Team captains meetings are held the fourth week of every month and there's still plenty of time to organize a squad to represent your unit or station. For more information, phone Race Secretary Agnes Miranda at (323) 221-5222, ext. 220. Computer whizzes can log onto [www.bakerveregas.com](http://www.bakerveregas.com) or contact Race Coordinators **Chuck Foote** and **Larry More** via e-mail at [bakerveregas@aol.com](mailto:bakerveregas@aol.com).

## LAPD Baseball is Back

by Tony Valadez

25 years ago, the game of baseball was a common activity within our department. Each division fielded a baseball team every spring and competed for the department championship. Unfortunately, lack of interest and IOD coverage ended baseball within LAPD. The result was softball and the Red Davis Tournament growing from the ashes of the old baseball leagues and tournaments.

It is now the year 2000. And guess what... Baseball is back! With the announcement this year that baseball will be added to the 2001 Police Olympics, the LAPD baseball team was resurrected. Lt. Moss was surprised by the incredible interest and turnout generated by the call for players, this past July. A 25-man roster was filled quickly and the team began play last month in the Pacific Coast Baseball Fall League.

Lt. **Tim Moss** manages LAPD Baseball 2000. The fall league roster includes coach **Tony Valadez**, players **Mike Scott**, **Andrew Rodriguez**, **Anthony Ares**, **Bryce Verna**, **Cesar Corona**, **Chad Reuser**, **Dan Widman**, **Darrell Van Roy**, **John Bailey**, **Juan Galvan**, **Luis Santiago**, **Martin Majarro**, **Nick Nemecek**, **Nick Pikor**, **Tim Walla**, **Richard Estevez**, **Sean Lewis**, **Tim Jenneman**, **Warren Porche**, and **Will Skett**.

Manager **Tim Moss** believed that head-to-head play was the only way to evaluate talent and prepare the team for its assault on a gold medal next year at the Police Olympics. After four games, the LAPD baseball team has a Pacific Coast League record of 1-1-2. The fall squad has shown itself to be a great offensive team, with some outstanding pitching. The Achilles heel for the LAPD team is its defense. The rust is definitely being knocked off, and the errors have steadily decreased as the season progresses. Lt. Moss believes that as the season progresses and the

players gel into a solid team, errors will become a rare occurrence and LAPD will dominate the Pacific Coast League.


A few players have shown themselves to be especially productive for LAPD baseball. Pitchers **Tim Jenneman** and **Bryce Verna** have taken the bulk of the inning and have dazed and confused opposing teams. **Chad Reuser** (LF) has become the early favorite for team MVP. After four games, he has a sizzling .750 batting average and 12 stolen bases. **Chad** has also dazzled in left field; gunning baserunners out at home and making **Jim Edmonds**-esque plays



in the outfield. **Cesar Corona** has also proved to be an important part of this team. His play at shortstop has anchored the infield, while hitting .471 at the plate. **Cesar** has also aided the pitching staff, by pitching well in a relief role. The offensive power comes from the bats of **Mike Scott** and **John Bailey**. Both are tied for the team lead in homers (1 each after four games). **Mike's** HR was estimated at 380ft, while **John's** was estimated at 365ft, both at Mission College's baseball stadium. **Mike Scott** as added 5 RBI, .467 avg., and a .800 slugging percentage to the team's offense. **John Bailey** kept pace with 5 RBI, .429 avg., and a 1.000 slugging percentage.

LAPD Baseball is always looking for players, especially pitchers. If you feel you can help the team achieve its goal of a gold medal, contact Lt. **Tim Moss** at West Valley division (818) 756-8543 (days). Tryouts for all players will be held early next year, in order to fill out the 2001 Olympic team 25-man roster. If you can pitch, or hit, get a head start on tryouts and join the team now.

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## Women's Soccer Team to Host 2002 North American Championships

by Shannon Paulson

The LAPD Women's Soccer Team has been selected to host the North American Police Soccer Championships in September, 2002. The annual tournament, for both female and male squads, will feature competitors from all over North America and Bermuda. Past hosts have included Philadelphia, Bermuda, Vancouver and St. Louis. Toronto will host the 2001 games.

Hundreds of law enforcement officers and their families will descend upon Los Angeles for at least five days to participate in the competition and cheer their teams, as well as partake of

the associated social offerings. They will return to their hometowns carrying back their impressions of LAPD's (and Los Angeles's) hospitality. As such, our goal is to make the 2002 competition the best ever.



Sworn and civilian department members, their families, and soccer enthusiasts from the community are invited to assist us in the logistical and social planning for this exciting international event. Interested parties should contact Sgt. Shannon

Paulson, manager of the Women's Team, at the Department Command Post (Stop #990), via phone at (213) 485-2504, or by visiting the team's Web site at [www.geocities.com/thecaveat/lapdsoccer.htm](http://www.geocities.com/thecaveat/lapdsoccer.htm).

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## Summer Games 2000 LAPD High-Power Rifle Team

The High-Power match was held on Wilcox Range at Marine Camp Pendleton on July 25, 2000. Two four-man teams and individual shooters represented the LAPD Rifle Team. The team had nine shooters in all.

The Silver Medal went to the team of **Louis Salseda** and **Kemp Fairbanks**. They are from the Firearms Training Unit at the Davis Training Facility, and **Don Tsunwaki** who is formerly from FTU and currently an SE Detective. The team is grateful to Don for the use of his skills. He did not have much time to prepare for the Summer Games and walked on only minutes before the match started. (Thanks for the stress, Don.) Aggregate team score: 1828-36x, out of a possible 2000-200x.

An individual 3rd place Bronze Medal went to the Team Captain, **Kemp Fairbanks**, in the unclassified category with an aggregate score of 453-6x out of a possible 500-50x. **Louis Salseda's** individual aggregate was 466-9x, and **Don Tsunwaki's** Aggregate was 429-3x.

The second team produced an individual 5th place Bronze Medal in the Sharpshooter category won by the unsinkable **Gary Macnamara**, Central Division (I think Gary has been in Hi-Power competition since Springfield built their first rifle). The rest of Gary's team: **Jack Luther**, **John Rinker**, both

from CTD and a loan from Long Beach PD.

Just in case you have no idea what a High-Power shooter does and from how far, here is the Summer Games course, which is divided into four basic phases:

Phase 1: 10 shots, off-hand, standing at 200 yards, time limit of 10 minutes slow fire.

Phase 2: 10 shots, standing to sitting at 200 yards, time limit of 60 seconds, rapid fire.

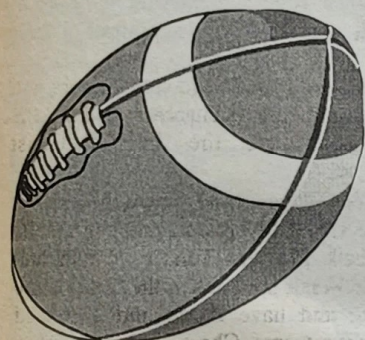
Phase 3: 10 shots, standing to prone at 300 yards, time limit of 70 seconds, rapid fire.

Phase 4: 20 shots, prone at 600 yards, time limit of 20 minutes, slow fire.

Each shot is a possible ten points, the further you are from the center of the bulls eye, the lower your score. You are allowed two non-scored "sighters" at each phase.

Although the rifle team has competed since 1979 (as far back as my records go), this is the first year that the LAPD Rifle Team has joined LAPRAAC as a new team. We are always looking for talent. Even if you have never competed in rifle before, we can help you get started. The team has great coaches and experience that will help you avoid wasting time and money. Contact: **Kemp Fairbanks** at FTU, (818) 832-3745.

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## CENTURIONS

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Sat. 11/11/00

Sat. 11/18/00

Sat. 12/02/00

Sat. 12/09/00

Any questions, call Angie at (213) 485-3281 or e-mail Detective Donald Payne or call him at (213) 485-2585.

West Los Angeles College, 4800 Freshman Drive, Culver City, 9:00 a.m.

Cheerleader tryouts, contact **Jill Reinhold** at (213) 713-8119 or **Sara Faden** at (213) 485-3281.

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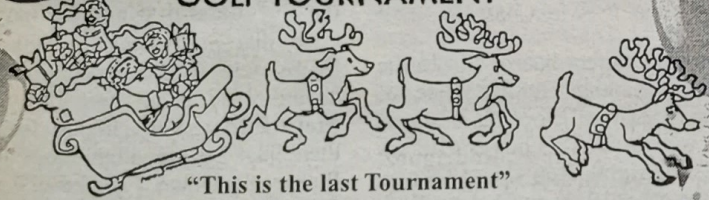
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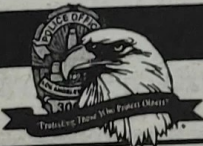
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# RETIREMENT NEWS

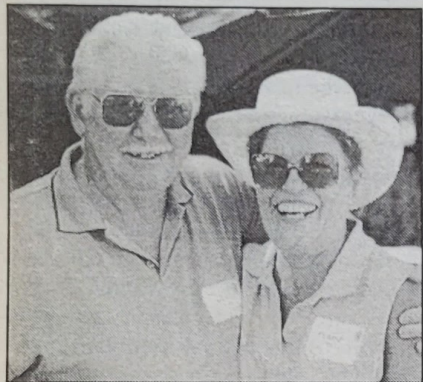


The *Retirement News* is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

## LAPD Wine Country BBQ

by Bernie Remas

Well, you missed it again. I keep reminding all of you out there--young and old, retired or not--if you don't come to Northern California and espe-



"Are you guys happy?" - Ron and Elayne Gray.

cially the wine country in Sonoma on the weekend of the Valley of the Moon Festival, then you miss the best one-day LAPD get-together--ever!!

The BBQ is over for this year. The pizza appetizers are gone. The big round of Brie cheese and crackers are gone. The steaks and chicken are gone. All the chili beans and salad is gone. All the ice cream Drumsticks are gone! All the beer and MOST of the wine is gone. All the beautiful and expensive raffle prizes are gone!

And for **Ron and Marilyn Kiser** who live there, thankfully all the people are gone!! Just kidding! But those of you that did come, you made the event one of the best ever!!

One of the "first-timers" I met was an old 77th veteran, **Ben Rendahl**, and his wife. They came up from the south--Newbury Park. Both came early and went to the wine tasting on Friday night in Sonoma at the festival. Said they had a great time, and both looked pretty good the next day. Sometimes in the past I've had trouble keeping up the next day!

The "big" surprise of the day was seeing **Jack and Dorothy Halstead** in person! And their daughter, Betsy Halstead-Gray. Jack used the opportunity to "show off" his new book that he has just published this year. The Legal Book Store in L.A. has the "History of the Events & Activities of the LAPD from 1960 to 2000. It's a "must" for everyone's library.

Now some LAPD retirees that came a long way to see this BBQ. Like **Alta & Merrill Duncan** from Park City, Utah; **Ron & Louise Baughman** from Harrisburg, Oregon; **Waid & Barbara Woodruff** from Sandpoint, Idaho, and **Bob & Marti Mott** from Gig Harbor, Washington.

Some notables that didn't make it were active LAPDers **John & Lina Robertson**--he from my favorite place--Metro! John's retirement party was on Friday night. That's probably the reason Jeff Kiser's group didn't make it up on Saturday! But **Jeff and Ann Kiser** were there--Ann notably dishing out the chili beans!

It used to be in Metro that if you couldn't get up the next AM after "partying," you'd be looking for a new P-3 job! Not anymore?? Ha! Ha!

But Rhonda's group from Devonshire were there--namely **Tom & Barbara Anderson**, **Stan & Cynthia Dragun** (he CHP, she LAPD), **Pam & Tom Broad** and **Sonya Tiefenbacher**. Sonya works with Ron Van Guber, Kiser's son-in-law.

Another surprise for me was seeing an old jailer and desk man from my career at 77th Division--**Lou Monico** and his wife **Jean**. Lou was up from

from this time I'm not sure! Last time they were in Lake Tahoe--temporarily.

Another "old" retiree I haven't seen much of since the 77th Street days was **Ralph Lucke** with his wife, **Pat**, from Chino Hills.

And oh yes, before I forget, **Ron Kiser** has a horseshoe tournament here every year. It's been pretty much recognized that **Alex Shearer** & Ron take on all "comers" and win the horseshoe tournament each year. Well, Alex and his wife, **Ginger**, always come north from Manhattan Beach early to really help out, putting this event together. This gives Ron & Alex a "little extra" practice time in the pit. Later I received a note in the mail from **Roger Williams** who was there with his wife, **Maxine**, from Carlsbad. The story goes, and like most scribes I did NOT verify this, but Roger tells me that he teamed up with Lou Monico and that they beat the "champs," Ron and Alex. Now Roger wanted "braggin'" rights in the Blue Line!! So there! Make up your own mind!!

Another Metro vet, **Carl Kuehn**, and wife, **Ellie**, and **Al & Vicky Proudfoot** had such a good time that they came back Sunday and helped out, cleaning up the Kiser's vineyard.

Took a ride on the old 1919 Italia flatbed truck that is used for the hayrides. No room for me on top so I

ride is a "little" bumpy, but by then who cares!!

Just before the gigantic raffle began, Ron & Marilyn made a gift presentation for five ex-LAPDers who have celebrated their 60th--yes their 60th anniversary--of joining the LAPD. **John "2-gun" Powers** didn't make it, but **Nate Iannone**, **Ray Lauritzen**, **George Puddy** and **Hal White** did make it and accepted the applause from the crowd. It was a great idea, Ron & Marilyn. Thank you.

And while we are at raffle time, a special thank you to Fred Cline of Cline Wineries. Any time you see Cline wines, white or red, buy them. You cannot go wrong! Fred and one of his seven children rode the hayride with us. A great guy, and a large supporter of these BBQs!

We saw **Lew and Grace Ritter** from Roseville mixing with the crowd.



"Want a beer?" - Ben Rendahl.

Haven't seen **Grace** for a while! Others from Roseville were **Hal White**, and **Judy & I**.

You should have seen the raffle. Talk about a "crowning finale"! That was it! The display looked like something from a gourmet wine store! Everything wrapped. Boxes with custom made labels -- "Los Angeles Police Department," with the date, and replica of our badge! Beautiful. **Bob Rogers** and **Nancy Reed** won again and again! **Dick & Arlene Stevens** came over from Rancho Murieta and the golf course to win a few things.

So that pretty much wraps it up. There were so many people that you haven't read about here like **Dennis McDonald** and his friend, **Julie**. But there just isn't enough room for all. Please understand. I just know you will. So maybe next year it will be you coming here. We hope so!

Be good to each other out there. We need and love each and every one of you.



"Stopped for wine" - the gang.

San Marcos as was **Ron & Elayne Gray** from Palm Desert, **Duane & Pat Lloyd** for Escondido, **Bob Brunelle** from Sunset Beach, **Nate Johnson & Cliff Aller** from San Juan Capistrano, **Phil & Carol Belous** from Livermore--these are all California townfolk, and **Robert & Jessie Jones** from Temecula! And also showing up again were **Lou & Norma Sporrer**. Where they came

rode on the running board. Got to the vineyard OK and another taste of Sonoma red wine. This truck is one of 20 that were built. This one is #10! It's a "ten" all right! Ron doesn't know where the other 19 are these days. With the hayride, all of us got to hear the wine expertise of Angelo Sangiacomo. Every year Angelo tells us what's going on in the wine industry--what's in, what's out! Angelo knows wine! The

## Celebrating 60 Years of Marriage

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## Inland Northwest LAPD Retired Reunion

by Kent Setty

On August 26, 2000, the Inland Northwest LAPD Retired met for a traditional steak fry on the bank of the Spokane River, in Post Falls, Idaho. There were 67 present, including three children and a great time of remembrance and friendship was had by all. This was the 11th meeting of those living in the north Idaho, eastern Washington, western Montana retired members. Despite the national news of the west being on fire, we all enjoyed the mild, breezy afternoon and evening untroubled by the concerns of fire. That is not to say that many did not discuss the condition of the forests in our regions, and queried those from Montana about their situation.

During the process of signing in to the official guest book, we proudly wore name tags with our last division of assignment on it. This helped some that did not remember exactly where they had met one another have a starting point for their conversations. Political correctness was not at the top of our life of requirements. My name tag said "Venice" not Pacific, even though it was Pacific long before I got there. Had I put Pacific on the tag, many of the old timers would not have known where I worked. Besides, I always liked "Venice" better than Pacific for a name.

During the time before dinner was served, the committee worked hard to sell raffle tickets for the variety of items we had collected. Half of the proceeds going to the local Children's Village home for foster children and those who cannot continue to live at home. Al Fried tried to buy some of the \$1 raffle tickets with a hundred dollar bill. Three retirements are better than one, Al. Luckily, we were able to make change. Although later you will see we should have taken the \$100. The raffle items

we had to offer were: Two Jean Thompson prints, Mary Kay Cosmetics from Karen Welts, and handmade fly fishing net made by me, a \$20 gift certificate at the Beach House, and two rounds of golf at the famed Coeur d'Alene Resort Golf Course.

We then took a sworn photo of the female sworn first, then one that is included here to record all sworn officers in attendance and another photo of everyone including spouses. At the end of the photo, dinner was served, consisting of steak, baked potato, Caesar

Merrill Duncan who retired in 1965 over 35 years ago. He received a rousing hand, followed very closely by Frank Heckl who has been retired 34-1/2 years. We will be on the lookout for the Pension Department's hit squad. The highest-ranking officer present was Capt. III John Trundle of ASD who narrowly beat out Al Fried, who was introduced as a Commander. This was a big surprise to Sharon who asked where the extra pension money was. Both received appropriate trophies. His wife, Sylvia Trundle was the winner (by default) of the cherry stem tying contest; however, Oscar Sotello, grandson of John Sotello, came in second after a trial of nearly an hour. Speaking of grandchildren, Fred Sandoval was near the end of a nearly 6,000 mile trip in a

He still had some miles to go before the kids had to start school in the first week of September. He has spent his retirement wisely, by connecting with the future generation.

The raffle proceeds this year went to the Children's Village, a local shelter for abused and neglected children. The prizes went to: Sam Tomas (handcrafted fly fishing net by Kent Setty), Bob Hammond (Mary Kay basket by Karen Welts and Lilac Print by Jean Thompson). Vice will be visiting him later. Tony Radavich, who used the dubious excuse of having to go to a wedding to cut into the front of the food line, won (catering for 10 from Rustler's Roost--the caterer for the event). Jean Thompson print of the Coeur d'Alene, an historic lake steamer, went to Dave Welts. The grand prize, golf for two at the world-renowned Coeur d'Alene Resort Golf Course (retail value \$350) was won by Karl Holstrom who cannot play golf anymore. He graciously gave them to Al and Sharon Fried, who spent \$20 trying to get them and offered to repay Karl for what he spent on raffle tickets. Al and Sharon were going to stay over another day if necessary to play the famed course.

Recent arrivals: John and Joyce Preston, John and Karen Sack, and Dick and Jessica Shedd were acknowledged (your naturalization documents are in the making). All have settled in north Idaho in the past few months. The day finished with the microphone being passed to each member and spouse if desired. All were proud of their service on the LAPD but happy to be retired and enjoying the fruits of their years of labor in the name of peace and justice.

We will be getting together in late fall on December 6, 2000, at the Pizza Shoppe in Coeur d'Alene at 5:30 for pizza, adult beverages and fun. Plan to be there. The reunion association will buy some pizza for those present. Call Kent Setty at 208-765-5020 or Gail Coutts at 208-772-2111 for details.



photo by Kent Setty

Seated on the ground: Frank Heckl and Gail Coutts.

Front Row, left to right: Ron Layton, Karl Holstrom, John Sotello, Dave Welts, Carolyn Murphy, Sharon Fried, Sylvia Trundle, Sherry Peasha, Merrill Duncan, Terry Hannon, Mike Schadel, Mike Hrehor, Bob Hagenbaugh and Kent Setty.

Second Row, left to right: John Preston, Bob Guzman, John Sack, Sam Tomas, John Trundle, Bill La Brie, Jim Peasha, Richard Shedd, Bob Hammond, Al Fried, and John Zorn.

Third Row, left to right: Claud Rouleau, Ken DeWeber, Larry Clark, Bill Logan, Chris Smith, Gary Redel, Fred Sandoval, Tony Radovich and Werner Kremple.

Not shown: Merrill Duncan, Bill Lewis, Pat Marshall, K. C. McBride, and Lee Ryan.

salad, a roll and a sheet cake with a resemblance of the LAPD badge on it.

After dinner, Carolyn Murphy and Gail Coutts shared the duties of emcee. The senior retired officer present was

motor home with two of his grandchildren that had taken him from California to the east coast, through Coeur d'Alene once and up to Canada then back to Coeur d'Alene for the reunion.

## The Central Coast Fuzz that Wuzz

by Dave Aikins

A big hello from all of us on the beautiful Central Coast of California. A lot of the Fuzz Folks have been involved in all sorts of activities including sports, home projects, volunteering and traveling. Oh yeah, some of the gang is still gainfully employed, which works out well for them. All of us are following our dreams and doing what we want to do. The old adage, "How did we find the time to do all this when we were working?" The answer is, "We didn't!" For those of us not employed, keeping active and busy, physically and especially mentally is sound advice that most of us take to heart. Personally, I hooked up with a traveling senior softball team in San Luis Obispo (SLO Pokes) that travels all over the state of California. There is a lot of camaraderie involved and Judy and I get the opportunity to meet some truly wonderful people.

Speaking of wonderful people, the Fuzz That Wuzz recently held its annual gift auction at Rosa's Italian Restaurant in Pismo Beach. We had a great turnout and lots of fun. The Italian food was plentiful, the service excellent and the company outstanding. Brian Galbraith, our fearless leader, along with wife, Cathy, hosted the event and Brian did a great job as master of ceremonies, which included being the auctioneer. He belted out the bids like a true professional and the results were appreciated by all of us. Tom & Dorie Zwinger helped out with the auction

and raffle ticket sales and Tom was our official photographer. Sam & Paulette Lopez also assisted. Dorie brought the Fuzz That Wuzz historical book, which she has created with photographs and stories. It is becoming quite a document about our past and its wonderful members. The auction was a lot of fun and raised sufficient monies to enhance our already great Christmas party at the beautiful Madonna Inn this year. Can't wait.

Over 60 of us came to the event and enjoyed the festivities. Seen devouring the fine cuisine were Frank & Flo Beeson, Walter Boronich & Marion Yates, John Bradbury & Josanne Jacksen, Bob & Marilyn Darnell, Chief Ed & Bobbie Davis, Cliff & Lorraine DeBernardi, Terry & Sherrie Ellis, Harold Epling & Helen Coulter, Dave Frazier, Brian & Cathy Galbraith, Pat Hogue, Gerd & Nancy Konieczny, John & Fran Krasts, Brad & Fay Lamdin, Sam & Paulette Lopez, Mike & Marsha Mckean.

Active bidders were: Bob & Aileen Rackerby, Gil Rivera, Lucy Salls (who bought the largest gift), Al Schlocker (recovering well from back surgery), Sammy McHenry, Marty & Rosemary Schlocer, Warren Sizoo, Ken & Wanda Stiffler, Fred & Sharline Tuggey, Bob & Carole Velek, Charles & Priscilla Lafitte and John Pearson.

Additionally, Fuzz members Paul & Stella Mattson, who recently moved to Nipomo, were aggressively bidding for items. Special guests included Roy

Eker, who recently moved to the Central Coast, Joseph & Taylor Hilden from Cambria, Lou & Joan Rivas, and Chuck & Linda Stubeck. Max & Billie McAlpine along with Bill & Susanna Selesky were unable to attend but sent donations. Thanks folks.

I see that four outstanding members of Air Support Division retired last month. These were officers Richard Sharpe, Frank Provenzano, Paul

Holmen and Sgt. Bob Good. I had the honor of working alongside these fine LAPD officers and observed them continually provide an aerial safety net for our LAPD officers in the field. Numerous violent criminals went to jail because of their skills and dedication. Thanks guys, for a job well done and good luck with your retirement dreams.

Bye for now. Catch us at wuzzlapd@aol.com. KMA.

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## RETIREMENT NEWS

### Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next luncheon meeting will be on Nov. 15, 2000, at "The LAMP-LIGHTER" Restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave. and Nordhoff St. in the room adjacent to the bar lounge. There is no set start time, so you may arrive any time after 10:30 a.m. with meal orders taken after 11:00 a.m.

We had 25 at the September 20 luncheon. The following were at the lunch reminiscing the old days: **John Becker** (5059), **Gene Dillon** (3411), **Emmett Drennen** (3279), **Ed Elliott** (4703), **Clinton Erickson** (5608), **Alan Evans** (25546), **John Evans** (5918), **Bill Feddersen** (4823), **Glen Foster** (6339), **Mel Harner** (4501), **John Kepke** (4603), **Tom Lindholm** (4734), **Boris Meneghelli** (3522), **George Moore** (10565), **Paul Nicholas** (4047), **Les Nolte** (10821), **Ray Palaszewski** (6934), **Ben Reineke** (3190), **Duane** (Whitey) **Ryburn** (3981), **Guy**

**Schlotzhauer** (2804), **Cliff Shannon** (2370), **Forest Sloan** (6713), **Norm Sufflow** (6902), **Jim Trax** (6185), and **Earl Wells** (6297). **Alan and John Evans** last attended in August, 1999. John also told us Lois, his wife, passed away August 13, 2000, from cancer complications. **Glen Foster** last time with the group was in November, 1999.

One of our regulars, **Gene Dillon**, passed away September 30, 2000, very suddenly following a dental procedure the previous day. We are going to miss his presence at the Lamplighters and the annual BBQ. There is no memorial planned for him locally, but there will be one for him in the Bay area with details pending.

Our meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at [clintsr@pacbell.net](mailto:clintsr@pacbell.net) if you want or have information of interest for us at the Lamplighters.

## Old Blue Running Team

by Neil Parker

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH!

Running Committee Report: Lots of Old Blue runners turned out for our first practice meet of the year on Oct. 1st, which was also the first meet under our new schedule of meeting on the FIRST Sunday of the month, rather than on the last, and all of them were certainly ready to take care of business. That included **Mel Sandvig**, **Pat Dailey**, **Bob Carter**, **Russ Young**, **Jay Hernando**, **Mike Melancon**, **Mike McKean** and welcome aboard to **Gene Patterson** formerly of Club Dev Detectives. It was a really, really glad-to-make-you-feel-you're-alive day with really gorgeous weather. Just plain ol' nice and pleasant even if the year is 5/6 done and over with. And T.C.O.B. especially included the upcoming 3rd running of the Scorpion Relay Race on Nov. 11 at Frank Bonelli Regional Park in San Dimas. The plan is for two races. The first will be a five-man 25-mile relay race and the second will be a ten-man 50-mile relay race. If you are interested in running or working support with Old Blue, call Capt. **Chuck McTaggart** at 360-766-8917 or e-mail him at [lynnmctag@aol.com](mailto:lynnmctag@aol.com) or call Mel Sandvig at work, 323-856-5769, or at home, 818-706-0727.

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Looking a bit ahead, the 2001 World Police and Fire Games will be held in Indianapolis, IN, during the first week of June, 2001; the California Fire and Police Games will be held in San Jose during the last week of June, 2001; and the Grand Daddy of 'em all, the 17th annual running of the Baker-Vegas clambake will be on the weekend of April 7 and 8, 2001. The point man for the two June races is Old Blue runner **Chuck Foote** who can be reached at 323-221-5222. All of the races are highly competitive and attract super class cops and smoke eaters from around the world. So get to giddyapping right now 'cause if you snooze, you lose.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH!

And really hoping that it doesn't rain on Sunday, December 3rd, which is the next practice day for Old Blue, but we will be running, rain or shine. Come down and run with the big dogs. Same place, Griffith Park and same time, 8:00 a.m. Take Crystal Springs Drive to the Park Rangers Station, turn in and go about one quarter mile to the baseball diamond. C-U there.

Practice makes perfect. Old Blue runners are:



Front Row L-R: Bob Carter, Pat Dailey, Russ Young & Gene Peterson  
Back Row L-R: Mike Melancon, Mike McKean, Jay Hernando & Mel Sandvig

## Retirement Corner

Rank	Name	Serial No.	Last Assigned to	No. of Years
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SGT-I	Philip W. Lankford	12232	Southeast	25
Dep. Chief	Charles "Rick" Dinse	12628	OWB	34
D-III	Ronald L. Reiser	14049	Wilshire	32
P-II+6	Paul Holmen	14913	Air Support	29
D-III	Kurtiss J. Joachimstaler	14991	OCVD	31
P-III+1	Richard R. Jimenez	15845	Hollenbeck	30
D-III	Ignacio "Iggy" Gonzalez	16038	Financial Crimes	30
P-II	Dennis R. Osmanson	16064	Foothill	30
P-II+6	Frank Provenzano	16149	Air Support	29
P-II	Keith D. Anderson	16166	DSD	30
C-III	Rodger K. Coombs	16256	Metro	30
LT-II	Lawrence E. Manion	16907	Jail	29
P-II+6	Richard "Rich" Sharpe	16928	Air Support	29
D-III	James McCann	16959	Northeast	28
P-III	Fausto "Joe" Bustos	17164	Harbor	29
SGT-I	Joseph B. Gonzales	17203	Northeast	28
P-II	Rudy Aranda	17624	ORS	28
SGT/D-III	Edward "Fast Eddie" Camarillo	20262	ORS	27
LT-II	Daniel Hoffman	20412	Narcotics	26
D-II	David Paiz	20725	DHD	25
D-III	Raymond A. Futami	21362	Wilshire	25
D-II	Patti L. May	21535	DHD	25
SGT-I	Steven G. Natale	21539	WTD	25
SGT-I	Robert W. Holroyd	21812	Hollenbeck	23
D-III	Jeffrey S. Foss	22437	Southwest	20
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## Inland Blue Line

by Loyd Yandle

I have not heard yet, but I'll bet there were some guys that showed up on October 11th thinking there would be a luncheon and so I have to apologize for the inconvenience that I caused, but I just could not handle it. It is going to take a long time for me to get over the loss of **Beverly**. I know there are quite a few of the retirees that have lost their wives, but I can only speak for myself and how it has affected me. I have always been hard all my life, had to fight hard for everything, but this was something different and it has taken a lot out of me, and I just realized I'm not the tough guy I thought I was.

Want to thank you all for the beautiful sympathy cards you all sent. I received 218 cards. I've read them over several times at night when I am just sitting. I read them out loud to Beverly. I have the urn setting on a pedestal in the den.

The memorial turned out really nice. There were 72 present, 14 retired police, 9 of which the wives were with them, 5 singles. The flowers were beau-

tiful. Programs were about an hour long. My brother from Portland took over, thank goodness, and ran the program. I really appreciate the respect everyone showed. Beverly would have been pleased.

As you all know, Beverly and I were both from Portland, Oregon, and most of my relatives and Beverly's relatives (what are left) still live in Oregon. They wanted to have a memorial in Oregon so I went to Oregon on Saturday, Oct. 7th for another memorial. There were over 100 in attendance of relatives and friends we knew some 50 years ago. But now it is all over and we have settled down. Now I have to decide what I am going to do with the rest of my life. I have sure had lots of suggestions. How do you just walk away from over 60 years of your life? But I'm sure things will turn out and I'll make it. Others have.

**Floyd Phillip** has had some medical problems and has been in and out of the hospital. I have not been able to get a hold of **Stuart Sipma**. Called and the phone number has been disconnected. I called **Bob Perry** and he told me that

Stu had been gone, didn't know where, but that Stu had not been too well. Hope he's better. Boy you guys move more than a game of checkers. Can't keep track of you. Got four letters back on the last ones I sent out. The Pony Express is terrible. **John Sack** resigned from the District Attorney's Office in Riverside and he and his wife moved to Coeur D'alene, Idaho. **Richard Kellenberger** has also resigned for the second time and has moved to Murden, Nevada. Nice town. Although John Sack has moved, he still wants to belong to the Blue Line and get all the notices. Thanks, John, for the nice letter and you're still on the list.

Just heard last week about **Clinton Erickson's** wife passing away. Sorry, Clint. I know how you feel. Please accept my sincere sympathy.

Got a nice card from **Jesse Tubbs'** wife, **Dorothy**. Jesse is really bad. He is in a nursing home. If anyone wants to contact Dorothy, call me and I'll relay your messages. She sees Jesse two or three times per week. Can't imagine Jesse being this way. I remember him as always laughing and full of the devil. Never know what was going to happen with Jesse. It is hell to get old. Believe

me. I've aged ten years in the past ten months.

Anyone out there who knows where **John Slattery** is, call me. Just like to know if he is okay. I was one of the lucky ones. I never had a bad partner my whole career in the LAPD. I'm not sure they felt as I do, but I never had to worry with any of them. I knew my back was covered. I wonder how many officers working today can make that statement. Okay, I had some weird ones when I was filling in on a Radio Car, but then I only worked uniform a year before I went to Vice, Felony Car and Detectives. But I have never regretted joining the LAPD. It was the greatest job and the greatest bunch of guys. Too bad it didn't rub off on some of the officers of today. Oh well, it's nice to look back on and dream.

The next meeting of the Inland Blue Line will be on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2001 for sure. Same price, \$10 per person. Notices will be sent out before Christmas.

Thanks again for all your support during my ordeal. Remember, be careful, buckle up. It's a jungle out there. Walk and drive carefully and carry your shot gun or a big stick. Goodbye and God bless.

## Short Stop Reunion

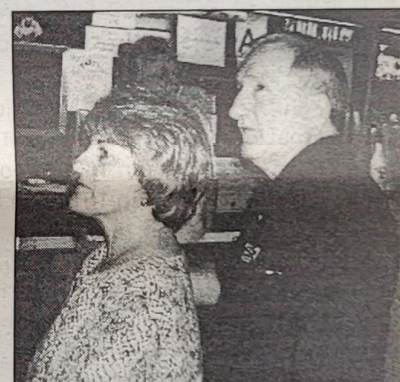
Sept. 30, 2000

They came from as far away as Arizona, Oregon, Illinois, and Florida to join their friends at The Short Stop, World famous lounge and supper club. It was a fun-filled night as friends were reunited once again. It only took seconds as you walked through the door to feel the camaraderie. "It's like coming home" as one long-time friend reported to Mike Balmer, owner of The Short Stop.

Videos from previous reunions were shown through the night. What fun it was to see everyone as they looked almost 30 years ago. Of course, you can see most of those same pictures just by visiting The Short Stop and gazing at

food and of course the drinks. It was a night of fun and frolic.

Most of the people there enjoying themselves as they had for many years, are still perplexed at the negative rumors and reputation perpetuated pri-



Terry and Mary Hunter.

marily by people who have never been to or know little about The Short Stop, its clientele and staff.

Newcomers to The Short Stop were amazed at the camaraderie still shared by the "old timers" and their loyalty to The Short Stop through all these years.



From left to right: Dave Ziegler, Bob Johnstone, Gretchin Meloth.

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Ray Heslop (left) and John Murphy (right).

one of many collages. As many laughs as it brought, it also brought tears for those who are no longer with us.

There was no shortage of stories. Not all of them as accurate as when they happened, but enough details to get lots of laughs. A lot of memories were shared.

Mr. **Ron Aguilar** glibly emceed the event, which included a Short Stop/Rampart trivia game giving away t-shirts as prizes. Everyone enjoyed the

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Sgt. Joe Gonzales receives congratulations from his family at his retirement party.



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Labor Relations Sgt. Glen Bancroft (center, seated) retires after 30+ years with the Department.

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# RETIREMENT NEWS

## SABLA - Christmas 2000

by Bernie Remas

For this Christmas season 2000 it's time once again to reflect on all the wonderful events that have occurred in each of our lives this past year. Most of us have received some blessings this year. But now we're truly in the season for giving. It is also the season to remember family, friends, and even consider that all of us are celebrating the birth of Christ once again.

As Christmas swiftly approaches I know your social calendar becomes filled with party, party, party. Don't forget the SABLA Christmas luncheon on your calendar. This year, SABLA Chairman **Ed Lewandowski** and his wife, **Cindy**, have planned another great luncheon at Del Webb's Roseville banquet room! The date is Thursday, December 21, 2000, at 1130 hours. This date is just a few days before Christmas this year, so if you haven't got the spirit yet, it's time. Put yourself in the mood and meet some of the finest retired police officers in the world! You've got time to do this! SABLA is subsidizing this and so it will only cost you \$22 each, for everything. What a deal! Please make your reservations with **Hoy Key**, our illustrious treasurer at (916) 771-9206 or boy@psyber.com. He'll give you the details and directions if needed. This is always a great party, and usually SABLA will come up with enough funding for some Christmas gifts to those attending. So make your plans fit into our plans! OK??

September seems to so long ago, but we had a SABLA luncheon that ended up being pretty exciting! So here we are. All of us are at Friends Restaurant Highway 50 and Zinfandel. Everyone is starting to "chow down." I looked up and lo and behold--**Tom Purington**! It had been so long since we had seen Tom, we didn't know if he would ever be back. But there he was looking better than ever! Some of you probably forgot that he gave up his job as a deputy sheriff, and "ran off" to Kosovo for a year! You would think that doing police work up in "wilds" of California would be enough for most of us! Not Tom!

I hope I get this right, but it gets complicated, 'cause Tom signed up with an American company working for the State Department, under the United Nations "umbrella." Tom took the job to be a simple criminal investigator. Nothing was simple there! They were to investigate only major crimes such as murder, kidnap, and rape. No war crimes. When he arrived there, he was assigned to the German sector, under less than primitive conditions. He lived in a building with no insulation, and slept in a sleeping bag. If the electric heat goes out--and it did often--then it

would get cold, really COLD in just five minutes.

This part of the world, of what was formerly Yugoslavia is about 100+ years behind this country, and the rest of the world. None of the modern day conveniences here! No wives or companions allowed either! The country is in dire need of "fixin' up!"

Tom said that when they arrived there, there were no procedures written, no blank report forms available, everything had to have a new beginning! When asked if he would go again, he



Left to right, Hoy Key, Tom Purington and Ed Lewandowski.

hesitated a little, but said that "No. The money is great. But when you have to leave the family behind and only one ten-day trip home, it's not for me anymore. No regrets, but no more!"

In September, there was another "face" we have not seen for a while--**Jim Van Riper** from Citrus Heights. Jim had gone back to work full time with the Clark Pest Control people. Well this summer the mask he had to wear in the hot Sacramento sun became unbearable, and, well just working got to Jim. No more work, he said. We'll see. Jim is one of those guys that doesn't sit around very well! Good to see you back, Jim!

Our former Prez **Justin Dyer** is busy, busy, busy. He's been an active docent at the Empire Gold Mine near Grass Valley for several years, but especially this year. The mind just received a big chunk of money that will allow them to expand this tourist attraction that has a "ton" of California history connected with it. When you're up this way, put the gold mine on your "things to do!" It's open during the expansion! It's a great treat for young and old.

Also in September, we saw **Lee Seret**, widow of SABLA member **Hank Seret**. Hank, who passed away in July, was an active supporter of SABLA and he will always be remembered. I talked to Lee briefly. She is keeping busy and working in the Bush-Cheney office in Roseville. All of us encourage her to remain a SABLA member and come to the luncheons as often as she can.

The next SABLA luncheon will be on Thursday, January 11, 2001 at the

"Friends" Restaurant! It's in Ranch Cordova, Highway 50 at the Zinfandel offramp. Go north to the northeast corner of the first street. You'll see it. Time is still 1130 for social time, 1200 for lunch. Order ANYTHING from the menu when you arrive, and they'll have on your table at 1200. Prices are reasonable! Sit with someone you don't know well and start a new friendship! Come break bread with us! It would help if you would call **Ed Lewandowski** and let him know you're coming. Three ways to do that--phone at either (530) 626-4248 or (916) 445-4710 or e-mail at fasted@plv1.inner-site.com. Ed needs to let them know how many of us are coming so they can set up tables, etc.

Don't forget. We're back to meeting every month. The second Thursday of every month, except December!

At the September meeting, we got to chat with **Lou Ritter**, one of our charter members. Lou is still busy and active in the Del Webb enclave here in Roseville. I hope he doesn't decide to move to nearby Lincoln where Del Webb is building another 5,300 homes.

I'm reminded that we have not heard from our absentee-member and skilled raconteur **Max Hurlbut**! Where are you and wife **Hueih-Hueih**? At least write and give us an update. The "guys" are asking for you!

In September we saw the X-M/C guys **Chuck Ward** and **Chuck Crawford**, sitting with **Dennis McDonald** and **Bob Totans**! See what I mean about meeting interesting people at these luncheons! I saw **Jim Meskan**, but didn't get a chance to see if he's still working full time. More of the gals this time, with **A. J. Miles** and **Elizabeth** and **Bill** and **Muriel McMonagle**!

**Carl Kuehn** helped me out with some medical forms from his job at

Health Net. Thanks Carl! See. These luncheons are not all "fun and games!"

We did see **Ted Morton**, **John Powers**, **George Puddy** and **Ray Lauritzen** "munchin'" and "lunchin'" together. You can too! Any second Thursday of the month!

This is the time for celebrating and partying. Please join us on December



Left to right, Tom Purington and Lew Ritter.

21, 2000, at Del Webb's Roseville banquet room for the annual SABLA Christmas luncheon. It's time to dress up--a little--and join us for a holiday celebration. Call Hoy Key and give him your reservation.

Don't forget Thursday, January 11, 2001. Friends Restaurant, Highway 50 and Zinfandel, 1130 hours.

And if you're looking for a great Christmas gift for someone in your LAPD family, it's not too late to buy a copy of the "History of the Events & Activities of the Los Angeles Police Department from 1960 to 2000, published by Ret. Lt. **Jack Halstead**. It's available at the Legal Book Store, 316 W. 2nd Street, Los Angeles, Ca 90062.

For sending us Christmas cards and greetings from all of you, our mailbox is still P.O. Box 60353, Sacramento, CA 95860-0353. A Merry Christmas and happy New Year!

Be good to each other out there. We need and love each and every one of you.

## Dates to Remember

### November

November 1	L.A. Retired Fire & Police Assn. Meeting	1000	
November 3	Ron Vlaming & Al Kiel	1200	
November 3	Edward Camarillo	1630	1800
November 5	Wayne & Valerie Valdez	1300	
November 6	LAPPL Golf Tournament @ Porter Valley G.C.	1000	
November 7	National Election Day		
November 9	S.A.B.L.A.	1130	
November 10	Lawrence Manion	1730	1830
November 10	Police Appreciation Day		
November 15	Valley Retired Blues	1030	1100
November 17	Fight for Life Charity Boxing Event		
	Grand Olympic Auditorium	1800	
November 24-27	Badgers M.C. Campout		

### December

December 1	LAPRAAC Sports Awards Banquet	1700	1800
December 3	L.A. Retired Fire & Police Christmas Celebration	1300	
December 6	L.A. Retired Fire & Police General Membership Meeting	1000	
December 7	Joe Writer	1800	1900
December 11	Joe Myers Christmas Classic Golf Tournament - Braemar C.C.	0730	
December 17	"Toys for Tots" Motorcycle Run and Car Show	0900	
December 21	S.A.B.L.A.	1130	

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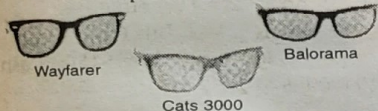
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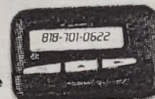
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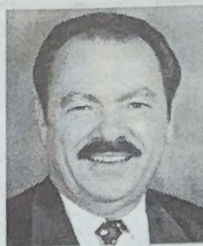


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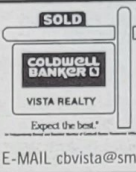


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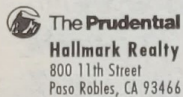
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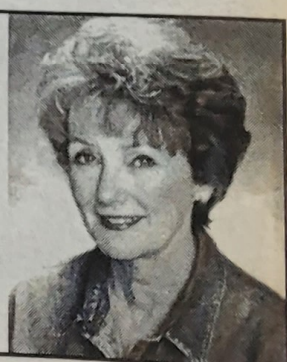
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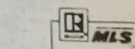
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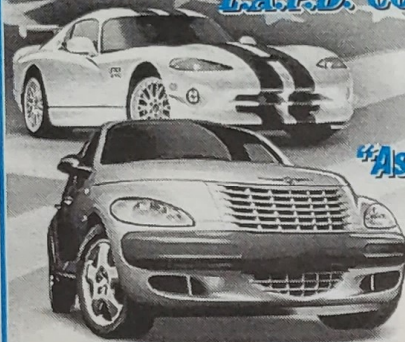
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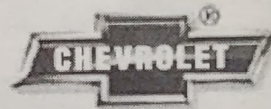


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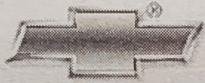
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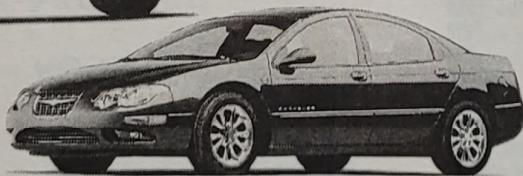
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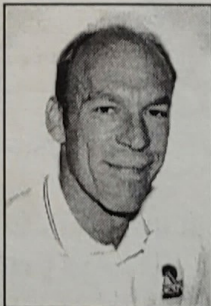
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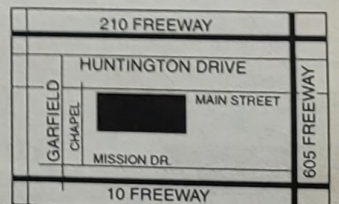
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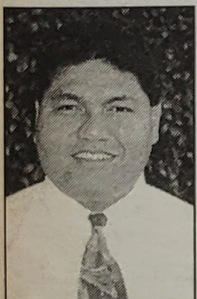
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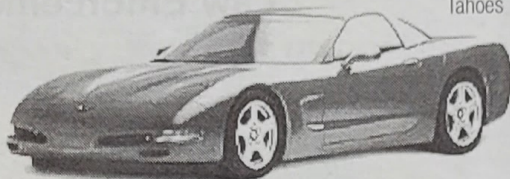
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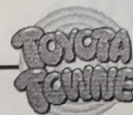
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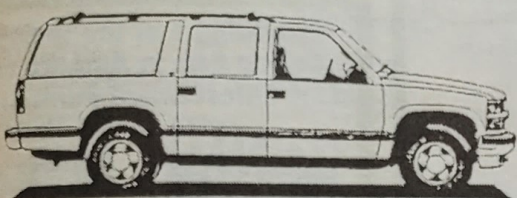
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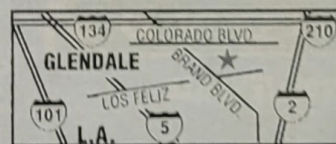
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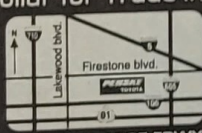
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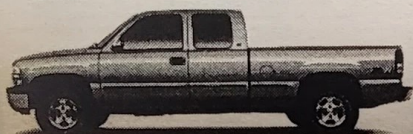
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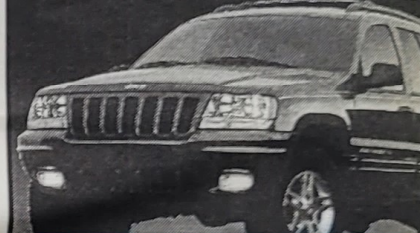
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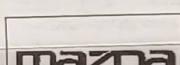
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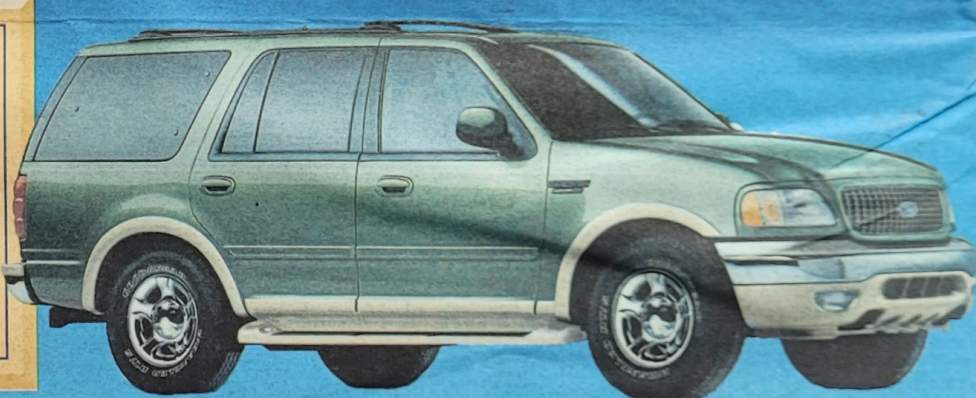


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